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Alliance of Great Britain With United States Discussed at All the Capitals.

Russian Press Suggests That Other Powers Should Now Side with Spain.

Madrid Angry With the British While Paris Hastens to Conciliate the Americans.

London, May 16.—The speech of Mr. Chamberlain at Birmingham on Friday last is still the sensation of the day and was introduced in the House of Commons this evening. Upon a question as to the date for discussion of the foreign office vote, the Liberal leader in the house, Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, said the country desired to discuss "the new Birmingham foreign policy." The remark caused tremendous cheering, intermixed with ministerial "Ohs." Mr. Michael Davitt read an extract from Mr. Chamberlain's speech, in which he deprecated the value of Russian promises, and asked the colonial secretary if he thought such language and sentiments were consistent with the friendly relations between the two countries, but the Speaker refused to allow the question to be put.

New York, May 15.—The London correspondent of the Sun cables his paper to-day as follows: Had it not been for the sharp veto of the British government the United States would have been confronted several days ago with the difficult problem whether to withdraw Dewey ignominiously from the Philippines or fight combined Europe. I make this statement on the authority of two prominent members of the Salisbury cabinet and its accuracy is beyond question. Moreover, it falls far short of conveying an adequate idea of the manifested perils, plots and counter-plots which the situation contains.

The British cabinet has definitely and unanimously committed itself in principle to an Anglo-American alliance if it can be made upon terms honorable and advantageous to both countries. The British government having committed itself to this radical new departure, has no disposition to drive a sharp bargain. It is probably quite willing that the United States should determine the scope of the proposed partnership, the general desire being to make it as close and intimate as possible.

There is little doubt that Great Britain will be glad to enter into a full offensive and defensive alliance. On the other hand if America preferred, she would negotiate a partial or contingent alliance for special purposes of defence and mutual interests.

The point which Great Britain would probably urge with the greatest emphasis upon America would be that she speedily equip herself as a first-class naval power.

New York, May 16.—A cable to the World from Berlin says: An evidently inspired editorial in the Post, treating upon the question of European intervention in the Hispano-American war, says: "The time for a decision upon the question is rapidly drawing nearer. If the powers eventually intervene it will only be on condition that the Spaniards shall remain loyal to the reigning dynasty. If they show a disposition to change the government and place themselves under the control of the Republicans or mutinous generals they need not reckon on the sympathies of the monarchical powers."

New York, May 15.—Referring editorially to the suggestions made by Mr. hamberlain of an Anglo-Saxon alliance, the Sun says: "The Right Hon. Jos. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham points more emphatically than any earlier guidepost to a harmonious relation between England and America, if need be, as against the rest of the world. The statesmen on our side of the water who will not consider any proposition of this magnitude with an open mind is unworthy of his influence, if he has any."

St. Petersburg, May 16.—The Novoe Vremya commenting upon the recent speech at Birmingham of Mr. Chamberlain says: "We doubt if he desires an alliance and whether it would be agreeable to the other powers that the United States after wresting the Philippine Islands from Spain should sell them to Great Britain." The Novoe Vremya considers such an intention "sufficient to induce the powers to reconsider their neutrality during the present war."

Madrid, May 16.—Great indignation has been aroused here by Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's speech. El Liberal compares the British colonial secretary to Lord Beaconsfield and foretells a European outburst against Britain. If the suggested alliance is concluded the universal ill-wind would be similar to that manifested against England after the Jameson raid. Such an alliance would, however, be the greatest possible blessing to Spain, as it would bring her plenty of support.

The Imparcial says Spain could not stand against the British train, but it can throw it off the line.

The Journal also foretells a general alliance against the insatiable ambition of Great Britain. The cheers raised for Spain by the crew of the French cruiser Admiral Rigaut are a sign of this. Ceuta and other points can be utilized to make Gibraltar helpless.

Paris, May 16.—The Journal des Debats during the course of a long article today reflects the anxiety expressed in government circles here respecting the feeling aroused in America on account of France's open sympathy with Spain. It says: "The whole affair is a misunderstanding. French opinion at the outset of the war certainly considered the United States was wrong, and some of the papers expressed this opinion in aggressive form. The Americans, however, should not have taken the matter so tragically, our natural sympathies are for the United States and our government throughout has acted most correctly."

After charging Great Britain with being at the bottom of the mischief and declaring it is America's own business if she decides to intervene in distant affairs, the article concludes: "What concerns us is that America shall not in taking up the great role of international domain start with such conceived ideas against us, and renounce the good understanding with France which has been so useful in the past and which is still desirable in the future. The French nation was never really hostile to the Americans. They will realize this when the present friction has had time to disappear."

SPAIN'S NEW CABINET.

Sagasta Will Continue to Lead and the Policy Will be Vigorous Warfare.

Madrid, May 15.—(Via Paris.)—All the members of the Spanish cabinet have resigned. Senor Sagasta will to-night communicate the situation to the Queen Regent, who will entrust him with the task of forming a new ministry.

It is officially declared that the new ministry when formed will continue to prosecute the war to the utmost.

London, May. 15.—A despatch to the Times from Madrid, which will be published to-morrow, confirms the official denial at the Spanish capital that the cabinet changes are connected with a peace movement. The Times correspondent says: "The conclusion to be drawn from the reorganization that they are seeking a peaceful solution of the question has for the moment been abandoned and the war will be prosecuted vigorously. There was a prolonged cabinet meeting this afternoon dealing with the crisis, and several points were practically settled. Senor Sagasta, though weak in health, remains president of the council of ministers, because the Liberals are in a majority in the chamber and it would be inconvenient to have a cabinet chief, however distinguished, who is not chief of the Liberal party. Four ministers, Senors Gullom, Bermejo, Moret and Xiquenta, will retire, partly for personal reasons and partly because of differences on important politics. Senor Sagasta will choose the strongest Liberals he can find, but several of the strongest, notably Senor Gamazo, have intimated that they will not take office at present. It is hoped and expected that General Correa, who has valuable qualifications for his present post, will remain."

Madrid, May 16.—Senor Sagasta this afternoon formally handed the resignation of the ministry to the Queen Regent, who charged him to form a new cabinet.

Senor Moret, minister for the colonies, this morning confirmed the statement that any change in the composition of the cabinet would be wholly in the direction of a more active policy. He said: "Recent events have greatly increased the war spirit of the nation and the greatest reliance is placed upon Admiral Cervera's squadron and upon the skill of the Spanish admiral. The latter is not hampered by instructions and details, and his plans are not even known to the ministers."

A TALE OF TRIUMPH.

Madrid Citizens Entertained With a Story of Naval Prowess Off Havana.

Madrid, May 15.—The Imparcial today publishes a despatch from Havana giving an extraordinary Spanish version of a war episode. It says: "On Friday the gunboats Conde de Venadito and Nueva Espana steamed out of the harbor and attacked an American squadron of two cruisers and five auxiliary cruisers which were outside. The Spanish vessels fired twenty shots and the Americans fired eight, the latter retreating, apparently damaged. Three crowded tugs followed the gunboats, the people on board cheering them."

Captain-General Blanco in a dispatch from Havana officially reiterates the Spanish version of the affair. He claims that the two gunboats engaged five American ships and forced the latter to retreat, adding: "I obtained the result desired, namely, to attract as many of the enemy's ships as possible. Yesterday morning there were only three there, now there are eleven."

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HORSEFLESH IN MANILA

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Insurgents Treating With Both Sides Though Menacing the Spanish Forces.

Prospect of Great Suffering Before Arrival of American Relief Expedition.

Hongkong, May 15.—The United States despatch boat Hugh McCulloch has arrived here from Manila with despatches for the government. She reports that the Spanish gunboat Callao from the Caroline islands recently entered the port of Manila, being ignorant of the outbreak of hostilities between Spain and the United States. An American warship fired across her bows and signalled her a demand for surrender. The demand being disregarded the American ship fired direct at the Spanish gunboat and the latter surrendered.

The populace of Manila is reduced to eating horseflesh, and the prospect of relief seems far distant.

The McCulloch also reports that the Philippine insurgents applied to Rear Admiral Dewey for his approval of an attack by them upon the city. The Admiral, it appears, approved of the plan, provided no excesses were committed. The insurgents then pleaded that they had no arms, with the exception of machetes, to which the Admiral replied: "Help yourselves at the Cavite arsenal."

The city of Manila has not yet been attacked. About 5,000 Spanish troops are guarding the road leading from Cavite to Manila. There is no truth in the reported massacre of a number of Americans. There has only been a trifling incident during police duty and nobody was hurt.

Washington, May 15.—The following despatch was received by the secretary of the navy from Admiral Dewey this afternoon: "Cavite, May 13, via Hongkong, May 15.—Maintaining strict blockade. Reason to believe that the rebels are hemming in the city by the land, but have made no demonstrations. Scarcity of provisions in Manila. Probable that the Spanish government will be obliged to surrender soon. Can take Manila at any moment. Climate hot and moist. On Tuesday, May 12, captured gunbont Callao attempting to run blockade. Have plenty of coal. One British, one French, two German, one Japanese vessels here observing."

London, May 16.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: His prompt action in offering concessions to the Philippine insurgents is considered the best move that Senor Sagasta has yet made.

Captain-General Augusta wires that "Admiral Dewey appears to anticipate the co-operation of the natives within the next few days, but no new insurgent movement is noticeable."

San Francisco, May 16.—It is now said that the First regiment of volunteers will lead the troops going to Manila. On Sunday there arrived for it 200,000 rounds of cartridges and 200 new Springfield rifles from the Benecia arsenal. Today 200,000 more cartridges arrived. The Second regiment is scheduled to move four days later than the First. Nothing positive is known as to its departure.

RUN IN AS SPIES.

Two Newspaper Men Ventured a Landing on Cuban Soil and Now Call for Rescue.

Key West, May 15.—The United States warship Uncas, Capt. Brainard, left soon after midnight for Cuba to attempt the rescue of two American newspaper correspondents captured by Spaniards on Friday. Correspondent Knight of the London Times is aboard the Uncas and the plan is to send him ashore under a flag of truce to negotiate for the surrender of the prisoners in exchange for two Spaniards taken captive in one of the prizes.

The Americans were carried over by a despatch boat on Friday and were sent ashore in a small boat, effecting a landing near Mariel. As the small boat approached the land there was no sign of life ashore and it was thought the men were safe. The despatches received here yesterday told of their capture by Spanish soldiery almost immediately after their landing, and imprisoned in fort Cuba as spies. Negotiations with Washington were promptly begun and orders despatching the Uncas on her mission of rescue came last night from Commodore Remey.

Key West, May 16.—The United States tug Uncas returned here from Havana without the two American newspaper correspondents, who are said to be Charles Thralt and Hayden Jones. Neither the captain nor any other person on board would give details of the result of the expedition until an official report on the subject has been made to Commodore Remy.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Regulations to Govern Enjoyment by Canadians of Freedom of Stikine River.

Mackenzie & Mann's Outlay on Their Contract—Pushing the Skagway Route.

Intercession Canadian Newspaper Man in Prison for Trespass in Cuba.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, May 16.—The government has actively interfered on behalf of Freeman Halstead, a newspaper correspondent, who was recently arrested at San Juan de Cuba as an American spy. Freeman is a Canadian, his relations living near Hamilton. At the time of his arrest he was photographing forts. As a result he has been sentenced to nine years' imprisonment, but it is fully believed here that the British government will be able to secure his release.

The British Yukon Company is advertising in Eastern papers that its line will be in operation from Skagway to Lake Bennett by the first of September, and as congress has passed a law granting bonding privileges to all ports in Alaska the company is prepared now to enter into contracts for transportation of freight and passengers.

The customs department has received a copy of the American regulations regarding transshipment of goods and passengers to Wrangel. Transshipment will be carried out under the supervision of United States customs officials. British vessels plying on the Stikine may touch at places in Alaska for fuel or supplies or when in distress. Passengers may land temporarily, but merchandise cannot be landed.

It is stated that unless Mackenzie & Mann get the contract for the Yukon railway they will demand compensation to the amount of $400,000 for the expenditure incurred by them.

The house spent the whole day in supplay, making good progress.

MR. GLADSTONE.

But a Fortnight's Life Expected for the Venerable Statesman.

Hawarden, May 16.—Mr. Gladstone has been so much improved during the day that no bulletins will be issued tonight. One of the medical attendants says that the morphia is now placed beneath his tongue. Mr. Gladstone is not suffering so much pain now as he suffered last autumn.

The Queen has written Mrs. Gladstone making inquiries and tendering assurance of sympathy. To-day a long telegram was received from the Princess of Wales in which occur the words: "I am praying for you."

Dr. Dovie, who is attending Mr. Gladstone, says his distinguished patient may last a fortnight. The local malady will not kill him; but he will gradually get weaker and weaker and die of heart failure.

THOUSANDS SLAIN.

Terrible Hurricane Sweeps Over the Malay Archipelago.

London, May 16.—A despatch to the Standard from The Hague says: "According to a despatch from India a terrible cyclone has destroyed a great part of Bilama, a seaport town of the island of Sumbawa, Malay archipelago.

"The shores of Sumbawa bay are covered with the bodies of thousands of victims. The town of Kupang, island of Timer, escaped the force of the hurricane."

DISPUTED BY JAPAN.

Vigorous Protest With European Support Against American Occupation of the Philippines.

London, May 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegram from St. Petersburg says: "Japan intends to protest vigorously against America seizing the Philippines.

"She has already sought the assistance of Russia and conferences are occurring between the Japanese ambassador and the Russian foreign minister.

"It is believed that France and Germany will support Japan."

Senor Y. Bernabe, late Spanish minister to Washington, announces that he will leave Montreal on Saturday next for Madrid by way of England. He stated that he is not going because of any compulsion having been used in the matter by the Imperial government at the request of the United States, but because he is now ready to start.

MISERY IN HAVANA.

Blockade Has Produced a Condition of Affairs Worse Than Anything Under Weyler Regime.

Key West, Fla., May 15.—The conditions in Havana resulting from the blockade are being gradually brought out by information obtained from those aboard fishing smacks and other small vessels captured off the coast. Affairs at Havana now appear to be worse than at any time since the Weyler regime. The fishermen, who at first braved the blockade on account of the high price which fish brought in Havana, now run the risk not for money, but for the food which they obtain from the sea. Many of these men have been captured at different times by various vessels of the blockading fleet, nearly all of them being released after having been questioned. They all unite in picturing the state of things at Havana as being pitiful in the extreme.

Havana, May 16.—In all the pulpits yesterday the American "practice of bombarding defenceless towns without previous notification" was severely censured. Those who administered the rebuke said that towns ought not to be bombarded solely to destroy property or kill people for mere pleasure, and pointed out that in the interests of humanity it is internationally provided that towns must not be bombarded until the forces of the attacking party are ready and in condition. In political circles it is said that the Americans, while pretending that they do not wish the reconcentrados to die of starvation, are nevertheless ready to kill over a million people by the blockade.

COULDN'T LAND IN CUBA.

Military Stores Intended for the Insurgents Arrive Back at Key West.

Key West, May 15.—The steamer Gussie, which left Tampa, Fla., on May 10 with two companies of the First infantry on board, in charge of 7,000 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition, intended for the insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio, remained off the coast of Cuba, Thursday, Friday and yesterday, convoyed by the auxiliary gunboat Manning, in a vain attempt to land her cargo. Capt. J. H. Dorst, of the staff of General Miles, and formerly United States military attache at Vienna, headed the expedition which returned here this morning, her commander, who appeared much crestfallen, having failed to accomplish the mission entrusted to him. He refused to discuss the matter beyond admitting the failure and saying the Gussie will return to Tampa.

New York, May 16.—A dispatch to the Times from Tampa, Fla., says: Lieut. A. S. Rowan has just completed the report of his daring trip to the camp of General Garcia. The report has just been made to Col. A. S. Wagner, head of the bureau of information of the army of invasion. Lieut. Rowan ventured on a passage by sea more than 300 miles in an open boat, twice running the gauntlet of the Spanish patrol boats and going with a single guide across the island, practically in the presence of 40,000 Spanish soliders. It is said that Lieut. Rowan brought back to the army information that from a military point of view is invaluable.

SPANISH SHIPS LOCATED.

And a Swift Cruiser Has Been Sent With the News to Admiral Sampson's Squadron.

St. Thomas, West Indies, May 15.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Yale, formerly the American line steamer Paris, which has been at this port awaiting orders from the navy department at Washington, cleared at five o'clock this evening and sailed west. During the afternoon orders were received by her commander from Washington and information given as to the location of the Spanish fleet.

Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, May 15.—All the wounded of the United States fleet are doing well. There has been no firing by United States warships since the bombardment of the forts at San Juan de Porto Rico. The cable connecting San Juan de Porto Rico with the outside world has been cut at St. Louis. The Spanish torpedo boat Terror is being docked at Port de France, Island of Martinique.

New York, May 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Willemstad, Curacoa, dated May 15, says: "The Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Maria Teresa left port at six o'clock this evening; destination unknown. Four other Spanish warships which were off the harbor, disappeared about noon, but this evening one torpedo boat destroyer was sighted again. While here the warships took a small quantity of coal and provisions. Their departure was due to our government requesting them to leave as provided in the decree of neutrality. There were no colliers with the fleet. Nothing is known about the condition of their boilers. Rumor says there are some coal ships in this vicinity."

300 Boys' School Suits just in. See our leaders at $2.00, 2.25, 2.50 and 2.75.—B. Williams & Co.

WASHINGTON IS WARY.

Naval Officials Must Not Talk So Much About Plans of Operation.

Havana Guns Short of Ammunition and Effort to Keep Out Warlike Stores.

American Fleets Keep Apart to Watch Both Coasts of Cuba—Philippine Relief.

Washington, May 16.—An order posted this morning and signed by Secretary Long, relating to the publication of news emanating from the navy department, had the effect to-day of considerably curtailing the supply of information that heretofore has been rather freely given out. The secretary's order was directed to Captain Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau, and he in turn gave it effect by making an order in his own name that no person connected with his bureau in any capacity should have any conversation whatever upon subjects in any way pertaining to the navy with representatives of the press.

As an offset, it was ordered that bulletins of such facts as have actually occurred and are proper for publication and are not connected with existing or projected movements shall be prepared and posted on bulletin boards. The sum total of information published on the bulletin boards to-day under this rule was a notice of intention to start the Philippine relief expedition and of permission given to some foreign neutral vessels to pass the blockade at Havana.

In explanation of the issue of this order the naval authorities say that some of the leading American newspapers have been so far lacking in patriotism as to print plans of campaign and projected movements of naval ships, with the result that the war board has been compelled to revise its plans, as the Spanish had promptly taken notice of the publications and were prepared to profit by them. Complaint was made to Secretary Long that newspapers were working injury to the government in such cases.

It is not the purpose of Secretary Long to prevent the press having any information that is not calculated to cause a miscarriage of the plans of the department, but it remains to be seen whether the naval officers to whom the order has been directed will not by their ironclad interpretation of it bring about a modification in the interests of liberality.

The opening of the blockade at Havana to certain vessels is a rather curious proceeding that may lead to a very considerable widening of the blockade iself, so that in the end neutral vessels, not loaded with contraband or supplies, the carrying of which into Havana would interfere with the naval and military operations of the government, may pass the blockade under regulations laid down by the United States.

The statement that the navy department still hopes to make an exchange of prisoners at an early day shows that the mission of the Uncas was by no means a complete failure as has been stated.

The troops going to Manila are to be prepared for a six months' stay according to the number of rations furnished (2,160,000) and preparations for their departure are being pressed with the greatest energy. The Charleston should have sailed to-day from San Francisco.

Indications have been received that Captain-General Blanco is very short of ammunition, in which case the powerful batteries at the entrance of Havana harbor, of course, would be deprived of a large part of their defensive strength. This statement of affairs may lead to some desperate attempt at blockade running on the part of the Spaniards, in the hope of getting more ammunition into Havana. It is believed that the supplies frequently referred to as being on the Spanish flying squadron were of this character rather than for ordinary supplies, which makes it all the more important that Sampson and Schley should succeed in keeping Admiral Cervere from relieving Havana or Cienfuegos or any port in Cuba connected with Havana by rail.

Commodore Schley probably is well down on the Florida coast now and should be able to guard the Florida straits by to-morrow or next day. His appearance on that side of Cuba will enable Sampson to bring his ironclads with perfect safety to Cienfuegos on the south side and with this disposition of the naval force and free use of a considerable number of scouting vessels it is hard to see how the Spanish fleet can escape from the Gulf of Mexico or the Caribbean Sea.

TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

A dispatch to the London Standard from Corunna says: "The presence at the British channel squadron at Villargoi is likely to lead to some unpleasantness. The idea of the Anglo-American alliance has so inflamed the Spaniards that the postmen from the fleet when on shore to collect letters have been hooted and stoned. Threats have been made to stop the supply of provisions to the fleet."

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "A number of Spanish war vessels which were recently destitute of armament have been supplied with Krupp guns. They have also been supplied with all the necessaries, including German artillerists."

The central cable office of the Western Union Telegraph company sends out the following notice: "The Porto Rico government prohibits all messages to or from the United States."

The Netherlands government knows nothing, it is said, of the movements of the Spanish warship at Curacoa.

The third class French cruiser Bestaing, of 2,345 tons displacement and carrying fifteen five-inch guns, has sailed from Brest for the West Indies.

Rapid progress is being made in stringing the new copper telegraph wire from Montreal to Vancouver. The work between Winnipeg and Fort William will be finished next week.

HAWAII WITH THE STATES.

Will Not Proclaim Neutrality and American Fleet May Have Freedom of Its Ports.

Honolulu (via San Francisco), May 16.—The Hawaiian government will not proclaim neutrality. This stand is taken on account of existing relations between the United States and Hawaii. The executive consider that a proclamation of neutrality would be a breach of good faith. The government made know its position yesterday at a secret session of the senate. It is understood that the senators favor the stand taken by President Dole.

Another important matter considered at the sesion was the occupation bill, which, if ratified by the senate, will allow the United States to raise the American flag over the islands and use the same as a base of supplies. This measure is said to have been proposed with the knowledge of members of the senate committee on foreign affairs and has had the approval of President McKinley.

SITUATION SIZED UP.

Nothing Decisive Probable While Cervere's Fleet Exists and American Army in Process of Making.

London, May 17.—The Times this morning says: "The indecisive nature of the United States measures against Cuba and Porto Rico and the moral effect exercised by the sudden appearance of the Spanish fleet have restored the confidence of the Spanish people and encouraged them to continue the struggle. We do not believe that Spain will gain anything by protracting her resistance, which must be overborne by the superior power of the United States, but we are bound to respect the national spirit which contends more for the maintenance of honor than the hope of victory.

"We do not doubt that the people of the United States will be able to wrench Cuba from the grasp of Spain when they have established their naval ascendency in West Indian waters, but they will have to do the work themselves. The Cuban rebels will give them little help, though it is possible they may be troublesome enough afterwards.

"What is called the bombardment of Manila has led to no satisfactory results, while the shelling of Spanish forts in Cuba and Porto Rico has not brought nearer the surrender of those islands. The insurgents have been unwilling or unable to afford any energetic aid to the attacking forces. Even small bodies of disciplined Spanish troops sufficed to repel invasion when the invaders had no organized militiary forces at their command.

"This is evidently admitted at Manila, where aggressive operations have practically been suspended until the 15,000 troops now being mobilized at San Francisco can be transported to the Philippines.

"In time, of course, the United States will be able to bring out their immense, almost inexhaustible, resources of military and naval strength, but for the moment nothing decisive can be looked for. so long as Admiral Cervere's fleet is in being and while the American army is in process of manufacture.

"One fact is abundantly established, which must work for peace. The idea of any European intervention to coerce the United States to abandon their demands upon Spain was always scouted in this country, and is now given up by almost all intelligent persons on this side of the Atlantic."

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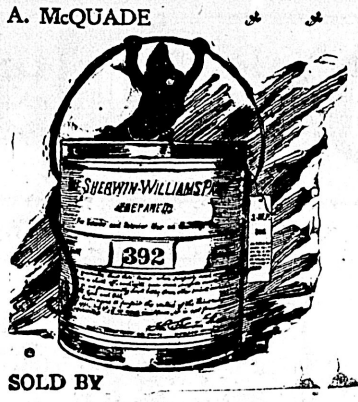

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This vessel will discharge cargo at our outer wharf on Tuesday, May 17th, and following days. Consignees are requested to present bills of lading at the office of the undersigned, pay freight, and receive orders for their goods.
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem has, by a Royal Commission to him directed, been appointed a Commissioner under the provisions of the "Public Inquiries Act," to hold an inquiry to ascertain the truth as to the allegations contained in a certain editorial appearing in the issue of the Victoria Daily Times published on the 11th of May, instant, headed "Can These Things Be?" so far as the matters alleged therein affect the good government of the Province, or the conduct of public affairs therein in the Lands and Works Department.

And notice is hereby further given that the said Commissioner will open his said Commission and hold a first meeting at the Law Courts, Bastion Square, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 17th day of May, 1898, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, at which meeting all parties having any matter to bring before the said Commission are required to attend.

C. F. JONES,
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MONEY TO LOAN on first mortgage on Victoria real estate at 6 per cent. to 8 per cent. according to security, in sums from $1,000 to $50,000. A. W. More & Co., mortgage brokers, 86 Government street. m13

REMOVAL NOTICE—Richard Daverne, successor to Perry & Daverne, wood dealer, has removed his office to Mr. Bantley's Cigar Store, 155 Fort street. Tel. 37. Wood yard, 89 View street. m13

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FOR SALE—Good fresh milch cows. Apply James Nicholl, Foul Bay. m15

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HOUSES AND VACANT LOTS FOR SALE in all parts of the city, and farms in all parts of the province. Call to examine our list before purchasing. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. m13

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WANTS.

WANTED—Girl for light house work, age about 15, two in family. M., Colonist. m17

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WANTED—To rent with option of purchase, roll top desk and other office furniture, must be in good condition and reasonable. Address P. O. box 162. m17

WANTED—At once boy for delivery wagon. Apply Walker's switch store, Esquimalt road. m17

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CRAFT FOR THE YUKON

Northern Enterprise Has Helped Largely to Provide Great Fleet for This Season.

A Fine Steamer From a Local Shipyard — The Ningchow Takes Coal Charter.

Whatever the dimensions of the Yukon river trade during the season now opening, it is apparent that there will be steamers enough to accommodate it. Captain Yates, of the steamer Bristol, who returned home yesterday, the Bristol having arrived at Comox on Saturday direct from Ounalaska, states that almost every firm in the North and all the residents are engaged in building river steamers or freight barges. The Bristol had taken up a load of coal and cattle, and arriving at Dutch Harbor in early April, found two fine stern wheel passenger boats launched and ready for service there for the North American Trading and Transportation Company, the same firm having also completed one steel stern wheel boat, now ready for launching, and a fourth large wooden vessel of exceptionally light draught. Chilcat & Barneson had finished work on another large stern wheeler and a goodly sized freight boat for themselves; while at Ounalaska the Alaska Commercial Co. had completed construction of a fleet of fine stern wheel steamers, 300 feet long and elegantly fitted, besides a number of freighters capable of handling 400 or 500 tons each. At Captain's Bay, the resident superintendent of Mr. Liebes, of San Francisco, Captain Whitelaw, the famous wrecker, had other river steamers well on the way to completion, and here also the Alaska Commercial Co. were adding a neat little steam schooner to their fleet. Altogether thirteen or fourteen valuable acquisitions to the Yukon fleet are now about ready for use in the vicinity of Dutch Harbor alone, while fully as many more are reported to have been building during the winter at St. Michael's. Of the vessels spoken by the Bristol during her stay in the North, the brig Courtney Ford and the schooner W. R. Wright were at Dutch Harbor, the ship Sintram was discharging materials at Captain's Bay for Whitelaw's construction work; the Bertha and a three-masted schooner were leaving Ounalaska; and the ship Harry Morse was spoken and seen in Yakutan Passage, crowded with Klondikers and bound for Dutch Harbor—presumably to build a steamer there for the carrying of these passengers up the river. The steam whaler Alexander had called at Dutch Harbor from San Francisco, and the nproceeded on her cruise in the Behring sea; while the United States ship Bear was still at Ounalaska, although preparing to continue her voyage North at about the end of the present month. St. Michael's is her destination, and it is expected that by the time she arrives at the Yukon gateway city the ice-prisoned whalers, to rescue whom she was despatched North, will have been communicated with by the lieutenant and doctor of the ship who volunteered to go to Point Barrow over the ice, and transported in some way to the mouth of the river. It is quite possible that all the unhappy company may arrive back in California before the end of June.

AN ADMIRABLE RIVER BOAT.

The steamer "Casca," just completed and ready for service, was built by The Esquimalt Marine Railway ompany, the machinery being supplied by the Albion Iron Works Company. This fine vessel has passed now into the hands of the "Casca" Steamboat Company, who will run her between Fort Wrangel and Glenora. Her dimensions are: Length 140 feet, beam 30 feet, cylinders 16 inches diameter with 6-inch stroke. Carrying a load of 100 tons she will draw not more than 30 inches, and she is pronounced by experts to be one of the finest boats ever turned out in Victoria. The Casca is neatly and well fitted, and appears to be admirably suited for the Stikeen river trade. Mr. Patrick Hickey, who has successfully navigated the Stikine for several years past has superintended the placing and fitting of the machinery and his reputation as an engineer should be a sufficient guarantee to the public that the Casca is quite up to date and capable of navigating the Stikine at any time that the river is open to travel. The Casca is now ready to make arrangements for carrying freight between Fort Wrangel and Glenora and as she has no regular connection with any particular ocean steamer she will be prepared to receive consignments at Fort Wrangel and forward to Glenora. She will make her trial trip this morning. The office of the company is at 43 Fort street.

AND STILL ANOTHER.

At Leigh's shipyard Contractor Stratford, is now engaged building a large river boat intended for service in the North. She is owned by A. S. Reed, of London, Eng., and is a stern wheeler 140 feet long, 28 feet beam and 4 feet hold, and will have a speed of fifteen knots. She will be launched about the 24th inst. Shaw's iron works will supply the boilers and machinery, and she will be ready for service in about four weeks.

"TACOMA" ARRIVES.

After a pleasant trip across the Pacific, uninterrupted by but one blow, the steamer Tacoma, of the N. P. R. line, arrived at the outer wharf early Sunday morning and remaining twenty-four hours to discharge her Victoria cargo proceeded to Tacoma. She left Yokohama on April 30, so was not one hour behind her schedule. Forty-eight Chinese and Japanese steerage passengers, of whom thirty were for Victoria, came over on the Tacoma. Her saloon passengers were: Miss Short, Miss Pelton, Miss Spancer, and Master Topping, and her European steerage Mr. E. Ek, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Ting Tong, Mrs. Ida Tomiige and three children.

AN EXTRAORDINARY VOYAGE.

The Dundee People's Journal of April 16, says: "Great excitement was occasioned at South Shields on Tuesday when a rumor got afloat that the ship Ravenscrag, owned in that town, had turned up at Callao. The rumor turned out correct, as a cablegram was received from the master, Captain Purvis, stating that they had arrived in the roads off Callao, after a fearful voyage. The Ravenscrag, which left Port Townsend bound for Callao upwards of six months ago, was expected to arrive in the early part of January, but no information was received of the vessel since leaving port, and she was accordingly posted in the overdue list. The greatest fears were entertained that the Ravenscrag had been lost with all hands, and the owners had abandoned all hopes of the vessel's safety. A fortnight ago the Ravenscrag became uninsurable. The passage on which the Ravenscrag was engaged is only 50 days' run, but she has been 185 days on the voyage, which is one of the longest passages on record. There was great rejoicing among the relatives of the crew who reside at Shields on the intelligence that the Ravenscrag had arrived. The vessel's safety was the principal topic discussed in the town. Among the apprentices there are three Swansea youths aboard.

CHARTERER FOR COAL.

The steamer Ningchow, formerly in the Alaska trade, has been chartered to carry coal between Nanaimo and San Francisco. She will make her first trip in a few days.

MARINE NOTES.

The C. P. R. steamer Athenian between 50 and 60 passengers from Wrangel and Lynn canal on Sunday morning. The only incident of the big steamer's maiden trip on the northern run was an accident by which Charlie Bloomfield, the captain's boy, broke his thigh.

The steamer Cottage City, the Alaskan mail ship, called on her way North from the Sound yesterday. She carried 41 passengers and a fair freight. The ship is just out of Quartermaster dock and her appearance since last she was in port has been greatly improved.

The British ship Dunboyne, Capt. O'Neil, with a large general cargo consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., was towed in from sea by the American tug Sea Lion on Sunday. The ship made an uneventful trip of 134 days.

The big steamer Bristol, just returned to Comox from the North, is expected to take a cargo of coal to San Francisco this week. Her later plans are as yet undecided.

British ship London Hill now in the Royal Roads has been chartered to load wheat at Portland.

American ship J. B. Brown has been engaged to load coal at Comox for Ounalaska. For the past few days she has been in the Esquimalt dry dock receiving a cleaning.

The British ship Knight Commander, sugar laden for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery from Salavera passed up to Vancouver in tow of the tug Czar.

The steamer Columbia had but three saloon passengers for the Orient on her sailing Sunday. She was, however, full of freight.

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Str. Cottage City from Port Townsend.
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Str. Columbia from Tacoma.
Str. Athenian from Wrangel.
Str. Amur from Wrangel.
Str. Dreadnaught from Wrangel.
Sloop Ruth from Seattle.

CLEARED.

Str. Charmer for Vancouver.
Str. City of Kingston for Port Townsend.
Str. Tacoma for Tacoma.
Str. Athenian for Vancouver.
Str. Columbia for Yokohama.
Str. Mischief for Pender Island.
Str. Alert for Fraser.
Str. Clayoquot for Clayoquot.
Str. Cutch for Vancouver.
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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Annual Session Opened at the Metropolitan Church Yesterday.

The seventh annual convention of the British Columbia branch of the Woman's Missionary Society opened at the Metropolitan church yesterday morning. Mrs. J. F. Betts presided and the roll call showed a full attendance of delegates from Vancouver, New Westminster, Richmond, Chilliwack, Port Simpson, Kitimaat and the wack, Port Simpson, Kitimat and the British Columbia branch of the Woman's West Coast. A nomination committee was appointed and memorials from auxiliaries were submitted, and Miss Bowes appointed to represent the society at the temperance mass meeting last evening, when the subject of her address was "Frances Willard her life, history and work."

At the afternoon session the auxiliary reports were presented and an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Jenkins on behalf of the Victoria society, to which Mrs. Cunningham, of New Westminster, responded.

Mrs. Kabaraqui gave a very interesting account of her conversion, she being formerly a follower of Buddha.

Mrs. Chapman presented the annual report showing an increase of 41 in members over the preceeding year, also an excess of $101 over the amount raised last year.

Mrs. Woodsworth, representing the Manitoba branch, spoke of the work accomplished by that branch and of its bright outlook, they having a membership of 302, and having raised the sum of $1,150 during the year.

The session was closed by a consecration meeting led by Mrs. D. Spencer.

The next session opens this morning at 9:30, when the chief business will be receiving the organizer's reports.

HOSPITAL BURNED.

Six Lives Lost and Many Persons Severely Injured at St. Hyacinthe.

Montreal, May 16.—Six persons perished in the flames at the burning of St. Joseph's hospital at St. Hyacinthe to-day. Four are missing and a large number are more or less injured.

The dead are: Sister Marie Desalges, aged 35; Sister Philomene Demers, 35 years; Sister Alexandria Manseau, 40 years; Mrs. (Dr.) Chagnon, of Fall River, Mass.; Mrs. Guertin; and Ellie Beachem, aged 12.

The missing are: Dina Vonvur, aged 16 years; Clima Bissonette, aged 53; Mrs. Rosalie Brodeur, aged 40; Mrs. J. B. Berthiaume, aged 78; sisters Bonvier and Ange. One body recovered is so disfigured that it cannot be recognized.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it may have started in the chapel, where the lamps were burning all the time. The village is not supplied with water service, and the wonder is that more lives were not lost.

The body of John Story, of 50 Peter street, Hamilton, who disappeared last November, has been found in a field. He was slightly demented and it is supposed perished from exposure.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. Michaison, of Montreal, is registered at the Hotel Driard.

J. E. Clifton, of the Standard Oil Company, is registered at the New England.

Dr. A. Bartlett, of Skagway, is a guest at the Driard.

J. A. Fullerton came over from Vancouver last evening.

Ex-Ald. J. J. Banfield and Mrs. Banfield, of Vancouver, are in the city.

F. J. Stephen and W. A. Lawson returned yesterday morning from Seattle. They were accompanied by J. E. Fagan, of Vancouver, who is here to meet the Empress of China.

Hugh McLean and J. Webster, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion.

A. Johnson, proprietor and editor of the Revelstoke Herald, is a guest at the Dominion.

Mr. Arthur Saint Cyr, Dominion government surveyor, arrived from Ottawa Sunday evening, and is stopping at the Dominion. He will leave in a few days for work on the Stikine.

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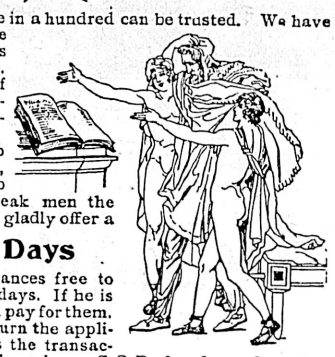

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LOUIS COUTURE,
Dawson City, Yukon.

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References—Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, F. Oliver, M. P., Edmonton; Judge McGuire, Dawson.

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LEONARD H. SOLLY,
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Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897. je5

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To take effect at 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 26 1898. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time

GOING NORTH—READ DOWN.

	Daily	Sat'day & Sun.
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	9:00	4:00
Ar. Nanaimo	12:20	7:15
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	Daily	Sat'day & Sun
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Members on both sides of the house talk of the "deficit" at the end of the present and next fiscal years. There will be no deficit, that is not what is ordinarily meant by a deficit. When people talk of a deficit, what they mean is that the ordinary expenditures are greater than the ordinary revenue. This is not the case in British Columbia. If a merchant takes in $100,000 a year and expends $90,000 he has a surplus of $10,000; And if he borrows $50,000 and puts it into new stock, he does not convert his surplus into a deficit of $40,000. His surplus remains the same. He has greater liabilities than before, but he has more assets. That is how it is with the province. Its public works are its assets and money out of loans expended on them ought not to be added to the expense side of the account unless the amount of the loans goes to the revenue side. As a matter of policy, ordinary and extraordinary expenditures ought to be kept separate, but they never have been in this province. Government members have been careless in following the opposition in using the word "deficit," which is misleading and is employed by the opposition for the purpose of misleading the public.

If the public accounts for the present year were taken and every item properly chargeable to capital were taken out and only the remainder were charged against revenue, there would be found to be a surplus, which has been used in meeting expenditures properly chargeable to capital. In other words the province has a surplus every year and is expending that surplus in meeting capital expenditures, that is in additions to the assets of the province. This view of the case ought to be kept to the front, for we are satisfied that comparatively few people have it in mind. It is a matter of very great importance that the impression that the province has had a series of deficits to meet should not be allowed to go abroad without the explanation given above.

THE PROVINCIAL EXPENDITURE

In his speech on the supplementary estimates yesterday, Mr. Semlin said that he could see nothing in the province to warrant the large outlay to which the government stands pledged. In these few words the leader of the opposition stated the difference between the two sides of the house. The governmnt and its supporters believe that the needs and prospects of the British Columbia warrant extraordinary expenditures at the present time; the opposition does not, or at least claims that it does not, which amounts to the same thing. There is no middle ground. Either the natural resources of British Columbia are such as to warrant liberal expenditure in public works for its development, or they are not. If they are, then the policy of the government deserves the support of the electors; if the are not, if the province has reached the acme of its advance and all that we are warranted in doing is to sit with folded hands and wait the slow progress that can be made out of the expenditure of such surplus of taxation as may be available after the ordinary expense cost of administering the government has been provided for, then the voters will do right to condemn the present ministry for the policy it has adopted in this regard.

We do not desire the word "extraordinary," as applied to expenditure to be misunderstood. By it is meant those outlays which would not be necessary if the province were standing still and no preparation or provision had to be made for expansion. For such expenditures the revenue of the province is amply sufficient. If the voters should determine that a non-progressive policy should prevail and that all the government ought to ask the legislature to do should be to keep things going just as they are, making no new roads, building no new bridges, erecting no new school houses, court houses and other public institutions, assisting no new railways, making no provision for the needs of new and as yet poor localities, it would doubtless be possible to so cut down expenditures that the taxes might be considerably reduced. If the legislature of this province should follow the example of those of the other provinces and cast the expense of maintenance of public works and buildings, that of administration of justice for the most part and a large share of the cost of education upon the localities in which these services are performed, it would be possible greatly to reduce the annual estimates. The hon. provincial secretary has on several occasions pointed out in the house that about $200,000 will meet the outlay for public repairs to public works. The opposition members think this amount is small; but Col. Baker believes it to be ample, and doubtless he is correct. For the purpose of the argument we are now making it would be better to assume that he underestimates the amount, but we will accept his figures. If to this $200,000 we add that portion of the cost of the administration of justice, of education and of the maintenance of hospitals and institutions, which in other provinces are borne by the municipalities, we will get at least $500,000 which might be cut off the annual appropriations made by the legislature; but such a reduction would not lessen the taxes a dollar, for the expense would have to be met just the same, only out of taxes collected and expended locally. It is highly desirable that the people should realize these facts. The ordinary expenditure of British Columbia includes fully half a million dollars, which under the system in force in every other province would be met by the local county or township organizations. A large portion of the cost of carrying on the general government is also due to the fact that the expenditures in question are regulated from Victoria. If the whole province were organized into counties or townships and the cost of repairs to public works and the other items mentioned above were thrown upon them, as is the case in other provinces, the annual expenditure of administering the provincial government could doubtless be reduced by upwards of $600,000; but we repeat that the taxes of the people would not be reduced by that amount, because local taxation would be necessary to meet the liabilities thus thrown upon the several localities. We mention this matter only in passing for the information of those persons who may not be aware why a province of such a limited population calls for such large amounts for ordinary expenditure. Extraordinary expenditure means something outside of these things. It means new public works, some of which may seem far ahead of the requirements of the locality in which they are made. Such expenditures are made on the faith of the future, and we repeat that if none of these were to be undertaken it would be possible to reduce materially the taxes of the people.

What swells the expenditure of the province and makes it necessary to borrow money is the demand for extraordinary outlays; that is for works and services in anticipation of increased population, increased business prosperity and hence increased revenue. The government believes such expenditures are warranted by the great resources of the province. Mr. Semlin speaking for the opposition declares that they are not. We do not think that any friend of the government will fear the result of an appeal to the people upon this issue.

But while Mr. Semlin and the gentlemen who vote with him are frank enough with their avowal of the general proposition, to which he gave expression yesterday, when it comes down to extraordinary expenditures for their own constituencies, they become converts to the government policy. Mr. Graham, for example, is eager enough to have extraordinary expenditures made in East Yale; Mr. Kellie thinks they are all right in North Kootenay; the members from the Fraser valley believe they are necessary in that part of the province. The whole opposition army can be captured in detachments on the government proposition if it is confined in its application to the localities which they represent. It is only when it is applied to the province as a whole that they become reactionary. If now and then, for the sake of variety, some gentleman on the left of Mr. Speaker would rise in his place and protest against an expenditure in his own constituency, because there was nothing in that part of the province to warrant it; if Mr. Semlin, for instance, would object to any further extraordinary expenditure in North Yale on the ground that he could see nothing there to warrant it, we would feel compelled to credit him with sincerity, though at the expense of his judgment. But we never hear anything of this kind. In private the gentlemen of the opposition are like the horse leech's daughters. Their cry is "Give, give." It is only when they talk to the country that they become the incarnation of economy and cry out for retrenchment. We suppose that while politicians are politicians these inconsistencies must be expected; but the people would think more of those who are guilty of them if, in attacking the government for doing what they in private ask to be done, they would not belittle the future prospects of the province, as Mr. Semlin did yesterday, or decry its credit, as Mr. Graham did. We repeat that the large outlays of this year and next year are based upon faith in the future of the province and a realization of the urgent needs of the present. No friend of the government ought to feel called upon to apologize for them. They are made in response to popular demand and in accordance with the views entertained by nine-tenths of the people as to the resources and capabilities of British Columbia.

IMAGINATION AS A FORCE.

Cecil Rhodes, speaking at a meeting of the South African Chartered company, referred to the great projects which he said meant "Africa for Great Britain." His enthusiasm provoked a smile, whereupon he added that what he predicted might seem like a flight of the imagination; but such things were the practical facts of American development. Rhodes is working to accomplish a great ambition, which he confessed in the words above quoted. It may be a dream, but it is on such dreams that the foundations of empires rest.

Canada needs imagination and enthusiasm. What these two forces have done for the United States it would be impossible to measure. The poet who sang:

"No pent-up Utica contracts our powers;

A whole unbounded continent is ours."

sounded the keynote of the marvellous progress which his country has enjoyed. We do not say that he gave the movements its original impetus, for that would be untrue; but he certainly caught the spirit of it and helped forward it more than any act of congress that ever was passed. We all recall the expression: "Let me make the ballads of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws." It is on the same principle that we say that the man who catches the imagination of the people by a phrase, which chimes with the beating of the national heart, introduces a new factor into the national life. We find an example of this in the Dominion in 1878, when Sir John Macdonald told the people that he was about to inaugurate a "national policy." The phrase caught the imagination of the people. No one was quite sure what it meant, probably Sir John as little as any one. Certainly some memorable telegrams, which he sent out before the election, show that at that time it was not intended to be what it finally became. But the people wanted something of the kind. The confederation of the British North American colonies had been accomplished and Canada had been written across the maps from ocean to ocean. The people felt that they possessed a nation. What better could be offered them than a national policy? By the way, the expression, "From Ocean to Ocean," was another that appealed to the imagination of the people and did much towards making the taxpayers ready to assume the burden of the Canadian Pacific.

Canada needs a new stimulus to the imagination of her people, and the man who is fortunate enough to discover it will control the future. The leaders in public life are to-day simply playing "walking parts" upon the stage. They are filling a gap. For a time it looked as if Sir Wilfrid Laurier was about to speak the new watchword; but he did not, and probably the reason was that the thought of the people had not crystallized itself, so that expression could be given to it. We think the new word will soon be spoken, for there are indications that the new departure is at hand. What will be its nature, and which of the men now in public life will speak it?

We print a letter from a correspondent "B", and are of course glad to have any fugitive items printed in the Colonist corrected. Replying to the question as to the authority for such items, we have to say that we do not know on what authority they are made. Nearly every newspaper in the world prints items about prominent individuals, and it would be an impossibility to trace a tithe of them to their authors. They are what may be called the gossip of the newspaper world, and like most gossip are usually not quite accurate. But how does our correspondent know that Earl Russel never earned his living as a journeyman electrician?

The Columbian thinks the government ought to order a Royal Commission to investigate what Mr. Hunter meant when he spoke about the Coast-Teslin railway as an attempt to plunder the province of a million dollars. Mr. Hunter has already explained that he did not refer to the government or any member of it, or the house or any member. As a matter of fact, the member for Comox was simply relieving his surcharged soul. His amiable countenance shows how much better he feels for the operation.

The Kootenaian wants to know a lot of things about the opposition. We can assure our contemporary that it might go to the legislature day after day and watch that extraordinary political combination and be no nearer an answer to its questions than it is now. Does the Kootenaian remember Euclid's definition of a point: Position without magnitude? That is something like the British Columbia opposition, position and nothing else.

The Associated Press of Quebec is contemplating a visit to the Coast. They will be welcome, not only on their own account, but because what the Coast wants is to have the newspaper men of Canada come out here and take in the situation for themselves. Notwithstanding the enormous amount of matter that has been printed about British Columbia, the average Eastern man has only the vaguest ideas about the province.

There have been many expressions of regret in the United States papers over the death of the men who fell at Cardenas. But that is what war means. It was Napoleon, who on being asked if he ever considered the slaughter of his men, replied: "You cannot make omelettes without breaking the eggs."

The Kamloops Sentinel has discovered that the opposition will sweep the province. Our contemporary's grammar is faulty. It means will be swept out of the province. With this amendment we accept the proposition of the Sentinel.

The letter of "Paterfamilias'," which we print this morning is actuated by the right spirit. It is always well to suspend judgment in matters of this kind.

Admiral Sampson has not yet taken any chances of getting his ships hurt. There has been no real fighting since the war began.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

First young man (at sea-side)—I have met a good many amateur photographers, but I never saw one quite so devoted to the fad as you are.

Second young man—I never take photographs!

First young man—Eh? Then why do you carry that detective camera about with you all day, week in and week out?

Second young man—Because when the girls see me coming all the ugly ones run away, and all the pretty ones stay—Harlem Life.

I always said that Barlow was an original genius."

"What's his latest wild scheme?"

"He's talking of organizing a regiment of Kentucky colonels to be commanded by a private."

"But that will be impossible."

"Why?"

"The Kentucklans will never consent to go under the command of a man who is not a citizen of their state."

"But what's to prevent—by George! I never thought of that."—Chicago News.

Edna— I wonder what Eve wore in her hat.

Mildred—A bird of paradise, of course.—Brooklyn Life.

Breathless Reporter—What's this about a jail delivery?

Jailer—Where at? Here? Nothin' at all.

"But there must have been some foundation for the report."

"Well, there was an outbreak of profanity because the soup was scorched."—Indianapolis Journal.

Alas, poor burro, written down
Sole victim of the fray,
You lacked the Don's experience, so
You couldn't run away.
—Washington Star.

He sighed and shook his head.

"Of course," he said, "so long as we are calling for volunteers and not drafting troops we will have no real good opportunity to get hold of the war poets.—Chicago Post.

"In some foreign countries the people eat horse flesh."

"Well, even here lots of men chew plugs.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Blake—Pshaw! you fellows who can't quit smoking make me laugh. Why, I can stop it at any time I want to.

Barkley—Nobody has ever noticed that you've done so.

Blake—Well, I've never thought it was necessary.—Chicago News.

He—I want to know, once for all, who is boss of this house!

She—You'll be much happier if you don't find out.—Indianapolis Journal.

Jobson—See how hard Dobson is working at beating that carpet.

Mrs. Jobson—Yes, Mrs. Dobson sets him at something of the kind just after he reads the war news in the paper.—Brooklyn Life.

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6th May, 1898.

WILLIAM HOWARD BULLOCK-WEBSTER, of Glenora, Esquire, S. M., Captain WILLIAM JOHN RANT, of Lake Bennett, S. M., and PHILIP CARTERET HILL, PRIMROSE, of Boundary, Stikine River, Esquire, S. M., to be Coroners within and for the County of Nanaimo.

Theodore Davie, Deceased

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Theodore Davie, late of the City of Victoria, Chief Justice, deceased, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their claims or demands duly verified, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, to John B. McKilligan, Room 21, Board of Trade Building, Victoria, agent for Joseph Nicolaye and John Althoff, the executors of the will of the deceased, on or before the 23rd day of July next, after which date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Theodore Davie amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they have then had notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim the said executors have not had notice at the time of the distribution.

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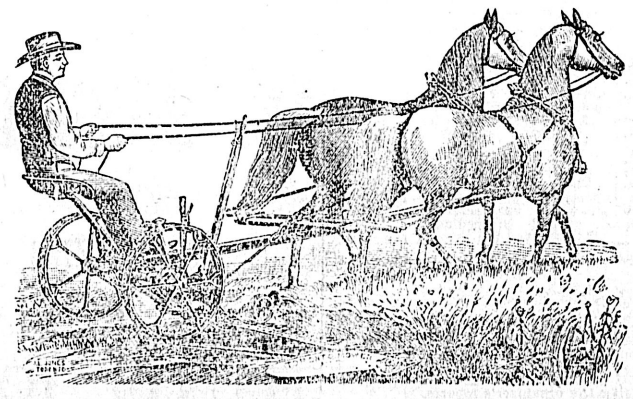

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Crawford Chainless Bicycle has arrived and it's a dandy. Onions & Plimley, practical bicycle makers, Broad street, Victoria. *

The "Broadway Stock Co." that was to have opened at the A. O. U. W. hall Thursday, will not opend until Monday, May 23rd. They will play one week, and Dante, the great Mormon wizard, comes for one week commencing Monday, May 30th. *

The first sitting of the commission appointed to inquire into the charges of improper dealings in the lands and works department will be held at three this afternoon.

The appointment of O. T. Stone as liquidator of the Ibex Mining Co., vice C. E. Steele, was yesterday officially confirmed.

Mr. David Spencer is among those who have within the last few days received mail from Dawson. In a letter from his son, Dave, who has been in the Yukon country for several months, the latter states that he will be coming to the coast on the first steamer to take the run down the river. He will bring out with him a quantity of gold and will also have a number of mining claims to place on the market as soon as he arrives.

In Supreme court chambers yesterday morning motions were made to have the cases of Pender vs. the War Eagle Mining Co., and Davies vs. the Le Roi mining Co. tried in the Supreme court. These cases, suits for damages for injuries in the companies' mines, were originally tried in what is known as the Mining court, Judge Forin presiding. In both cases judgment was given for the plaintiffs. Appeals were taken to the Full court and allowed. The solicitors for the defendants in making their motions yesterday held that mining companies in defending suits for damages were placed at a disadvantage by having their cases tried before juries, the members of which sympathized with the miners. The motions were therefore allowed and the new trials will be conducted by a Supreme court judge, probably at Nelson.

There are but three cases on the docket for the Vancouver spring assizes, which open to-day, viz.: Regina v. Gew Gar Gick, burglary; regina v. Stirtan and De Reemer, breaking into Edward Winter Smith's private bank; and regina v. Pollack, the justice of the peace, charged with issuing bogus certificates for wild animal bounties.

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Mr. J. A. Mahood, Who Explored the Alice Arm Route, Returns to the City.

The Alice Arm route to the Yukon is declared by Mr. J. A. Mahood, the civil engineer and provincial land surveyor, to be practicable.

Since the agitation for a railway from Teslin Lake to a seaport on the British Columbia coast has been under way, there has been considerable controversy as to the best port on the coast as a terminus for the railway. To settle the matter the provincial government sent out engineers to explore the different passages, and the result of these exploratory surveys shows that there is no scarcity of available routes from the seaboard to the wide valley running from the Skeena to the Stikine. The result of the trip of the party sent out to explore the Kitimaat route has already been published, while Mr. Marhood has just returned from his trip through the passes leading from Portland inlet. Observatory and Hastings arms are, he says, out of the question, but Alice arm, the other big stretch of water extanding in land from Portland inlet, is, in his opinion, the best terminus for the all-Canadian railway from the Yukon. For several miles back from salt water there is a stretch of flat country, the delta of the mountain streams emptying into the arms, while further in there are no physical conditions which are not met with in everyday railway building.

Mr. Mahood could not go into details, his report being for the government, but he had no hesitation in expressing the opinion that the route through to Alice arm was the most practicable one.

Another adjournment of two days was yesterday allowed in the case of J. A. Carthew, charged with misappropriating funds, his solicitor, Mr. A. L. Belyea, still being ill.

The pastry lesson given to the cooking class yesterday was excellent. To-day is the preparation and cooking of cereals. The popular lecture in the Y.W.C.A. rooms, Rae street, this evening will include camp dishes, scones and other breads and steamed puddings.

The first information laid under the habitual drunkard's clause of the liquor license act was issued by Magistrate Macrae on Saturday, but was withdrawn yesterday by the informant, the wife of the unfortunate man complained of. This section of the act is very strictly worded. It provides that should a man, through excessive drinking, misspend, waste or lessen his estate, injuring his health and endangering the peace and happiness of his family, he shall be deemed to be a drunkard and a magistrate may prohibit any licensed person from selling liquor to him, the extreme penalty for the first offense being $50 and for the second $100. Similar penalties are fixed for any unlicensed person obtaining liquor for such habitual drunkard.

The bill introduced by message yesterday in the legislature to amend the Fraser River Bridge Aid Act, 1894, provides that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may authorize the payment to the city for the term of five years next after the last of the seven payments provided in the act of 1894. That act in section 8 provided that there should be paid to the city of Westminster on the completion of the bridge across the Fraser the sum of $18,000 a year for seven years, or $126,000 in all, and gave permissive power to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to continue the payment of $18,000 a year further for three years longer. This last permissive power is now stricken out and re-enacted for five years or two more than in the original act.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Premier Turner Explains Most Satisfactorily the Supplementary Estimates.

A Glimpse of the Old Obstruction Tactics—A Session of Little Interest.

MONDAY, May 16.

The house was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

A message was brought down from the Lieutenant-Governor with a bill to amend the Fraser River Bridge Aid Act, 189. The message was considered in committee and the bill was reported to the house and read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Turner having moved that Mr. Speaker leave the chair in order that the supplementary estimates be taken up,

Mr. Semlin asked for some explanation of the amounts submitted to the house in these estimates.

Hon. Mr. Turner explained that this was merely the continuation of the committee of supply which had been gone into when the main estimates came down. It had never been customary to debate at this stage.

Mr. Semlin was surprised at the amount of the supplementary estimates which represented he said half a million dollars. This meant with the main estimates that the house was voting a million dollars in excess of the anticipated revenue. What reason was there to believe that the deficit next year would not be quite as large? The province had no warrant for this excessive over expenditure. That was the reason he asked the finance minister to give some forecast of what course the province was to pursue in future.

Mr. Sword said he supposed no one wanted a long debate at this stage of the session, but he wanted some explanation of where the money to meet the expenditure was to come from. Out of the railway bill of five millions only $840,000 would be left to meet the over expenditure. At present there was over a million dollars in excess of revenue to provide for and it was impossible to meet it out of the $840,000. The amount required for floating the five millions would be 4 per cent. of the amount judging by the former experience, so that there would not even be the $840,000 left to help out the amount required to make up the deficit.

Hon. Mr. Turner in reply said: It is most unusual for any discussion to take place on the introduction of supplementary estimates and I should not remark on them now, but for the fact that there seems to be a misunderstanding as to what these supplementary votes are. I notice the Victoria Times states that they represent $448,651 spent by the government without authority, and then goes on in its usual strain to denounce such action. I have to say that the statement made by that paper is wrong, either wilfully so, or from ignorance. I put it down to ignorance, knowing that whenever the writer in the Times touches on financial matters he is generally just as wrong. It puts me in mind of the old woman who tried to go to sea on a sieve. The Times writer knows just about as much about finance as the old woman knew about navigation. Perhaps I would not say as much had it not been that a gentleman on the opposition side was just as erroneous in his ideas as the Times on the supplementary estimates, for he spoke of them as being a bill of indemnity for expenditures not voted by the house. That was the position taken by the Times. The fact is that this money is not spent without the sanction of the house or statutory authority. If we refer to the supplementary estimates we see that the amount for the current year to 30th June next is $404,402. Concerning this the facts are these, as I have pointed out on introducing the budget, the sudden opening up of the mining districts to the North called for immediate action, not only to provide for mails but also for the appointment of mining recorders, government agents and for police protection no time could be lost in arranging for this, without causing great trouble and distress in that region—in part of Kootenay, too, the same condition arose, and had to be met. Provision had to be made too for the new gaol at Nelson, and the enlarged gaol at Kamloops. These had been built and required the proper staff and this staff though contemplated in 1897 had not been provided for in the estimates for the year up to 30th June next. These matters, including special constables and transport, account for some $25,000. Legislation being the additional requirement during the present session for printing and binding and contingent fund account for $8,370. Then under legislation we find the additional requirement during the present session to be $8,370 for printing, binding and contingent fund. The printing of the voluminous returns asked for by the house and papers that have been asked for this session accounts for a large part of the $5,500 required by the printing house. The urgent necessities of the asylum for the insane will take $1,400 for attendance. Then we find that education calls for $13,000. I cannot account for the sudden large increase in the school population in Kootenay, but it has arisen, and unless the province would see the children not provided with proper educational facilities this expense is very necessary. Public works and buildings come to $102,312, which includes the protection works at Revelstoke and Golden, $17,100. I think no one will say the government could leave that work entirely alone. One has only to refer to the condition of things at Revelstoke and Golden to see that the land and houses were being swept away unless steps were at once taken to stop it.

Mr. Williams—Why did you wait a year?

Hon. Mr. Turner—We did not lose by our action in trying to get the Dominion to do the work and I still believe it was the duty of the Dominion. I have spoken to more than one eminent engineer and they believe that a great deal of the damage was directly caused by the conduct of the Dominion government. They allowed a railway bridge to be constructed over the river and it is held by the engineers I refer to that but for that bridge there would have been no destruction. This being the case, surely it is the business of the Dominion to have preserved the banks. However, it was no use letting houses and land go to destruction because the Dominion would not act. Therefore, we stepped into the breach and bore the brunt of the work, whuch has turned out to be very successful. Then comes a large appropriation of $21,000 for the completion of the new wing at the insane asylum. When the house was in session last year it was not known that the sudden emergency would arise for this wing, but it had to be undertaken owing to the crowded state of the institution. It was indeed a work of emergency and humanity, and the government would have been derelict if it had not undertaken it. The public school buildings have some $17,000 down to them of which $9,800 is for Rossland and even then there is hardly enough. Rossland, Trail, Kaslo, Clinton, Steveston, Nelson, Maple Ridge, Ainsworth and other places in the province are looked after in the list and there is a sum of $3,000 for repairs or other work required on schools throughout the province. Under dyking works provided for by the staute last summer and owing to the tremendous amount of work going on in the iron works owing to the rush of business, the government found they had to arrange for the purchase of a dredge to prevent delay. This cost $8,000 and it is a valuable asset paying more than the interest on the money. The completion of the work at the jails at Kamloops and Nelson took $13,000, as the work had to be finished and certainly it was necessary to pay the workmen and not keep them waiting until this session is over for their money. Roads, streets and bridges account for $57,000, largely for work in the mining districts rendered urgent by the increase in population. It includes the work on the Teslin Lake trail and also provides for work on the Quesnelle-Omineca trail and other necessary roads and trails; but this has not been spent without authority.

Mr. Cotton—We never said so.

Hon. Mr. Turner—No; you know better. Then there are $5,000 for surveys on the Hootalinqua, something that had not come up last session and could not be foreseen. Then under miscellaneous there is $61,000. This provides for the final payment of the revision of the statutes, a work already authorized; then there is the refund of taxes to municipalities who have taken advantage of the Speedy Incorporation bill, and the $6,000 refunds of taxation. Then there is the settlement of the petition of right in Koksilah Quarry case and $5,000 for copying the records for the new registry office at Nelson. Going over the different heads we find: Police, jails and government offices, $29,000; legislation, $8,370; printing office and asylum, $7,000; education, $13,000; public works, $102,312; roads survey, $62,000; completion of parliament buildings, $105,000; public debt, $9,000, miscellaneous, $61,472; total, $397,154. It will thus be seen that almost the whole of the large supplementary amount of $404,000 is either provided for under statute or arises from urgent cases which no government should refuse to consider. I cannot say exactly the percentage of the whole amount has been so far expended, but I think about 61 per cent. These are the supplementaries for the year ending June 30 next. Turning to the other supplementaries which are for the coming year amounting to $102,289, they hardly require special attention and are principally for public works and roads, streets and bridges. Schedule A at the end is a bill of indemnity for the year ending June 30 last amounting to $44,000.

Hon. Mr. Turner went over the items in the schedule showing the various amounts, most of them small and for either statutory payments or urgent works. Almost the only one not directly sanctioned was $1,400 for the Dominion jubilee and which he was sure would receive the sanction of the house. "If we add these two supplementary to the main estimates for 1898-9," went on Mr. Turner, "it will be seen that they provide for an expenditure of $950,000 over the estimated receipts. This, as I have pointed out on a previous occasion, arises from the decision of the government to carry on large public works for the opening up and development of the province. The amount set down for such important work during the next fifteen months is $958,000, and this amount is not to be paid out of the revenue, but to be provided for by loan, the act for which has already been passed. It is worthy of note that in addition to the vote proposed for roads, public buildings and railways, amounting, as I have said, to $950,000, there are large votes for what I conseder public works, such as agriculture, $14,000; libraries, $4,000; education, $297,000; hospital and charity homes, $120,000, the whole of the expenditure being for the opening up of the province or for the comfort of the people. The government hold that it is a good investment to borrow and expend in such works. All new countries are bidding for population, and it becomes imperative for British Columbia, in order to attract it, not only to open up the various districts by good means of communication, provide schools and public buildings, but also to provide good education, establish hospitals and benevolent institutions, encourage agriculture and otherwise provide for the amenities and comforts of civilization. Unless this is done we cannot hope to retain population." (Applause.) In answer to a question by Mr. Higgins, Hon. Mr. Turner said that of the £450,000 loan authorized in 1891 only £400,000 had been floated.

Mr. Graham wondered where this thing was going to stop. Judging by the estimates it would seem that on the same basis there would be a deficit each year of $600,000 and the only way to make it up would be to treble the taxation.

Hon. Col. Baker could hardly believe that Mr. Graham after asking for such large amounts for his own district for public works could object to the supplementary estimates. He had already placed before the house in the budget debate a statement which clearly show-

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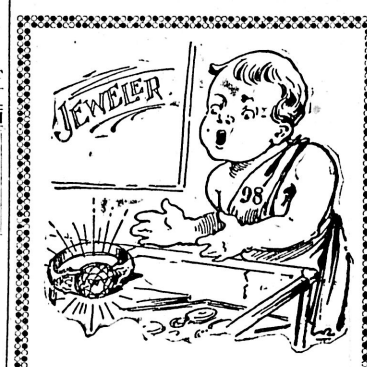

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

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ed that the revenue would be $130,000 over the expenditure if the cost of extraordinary public works was left out. What the government was doing now was in the best interest of the province and was a progressive policy. Then it must be remembered that it was only the sinking fund and interest on the loan that the province had to meet. The public debt on June 30 would be $5,445,000 and the whole of the interest and sinking fund for that amount came to only $233,000 a year and was more than met by the Dominion subsidy to the province which came to $240,000. So what was the use of the opposition talking blue ruin—it was all nonsense. The province did not want to go backward but forward, and what was needed was the development of the country.

Mr. Cotton said that Hon. Col. Baker knew very well that a large proportion of the expenditure was for the keeping up of the public works that already existed.

Hon. Col. Baker—Two hundred thousand dollars is enough for that.

Mr. Cotton did not think so and said that the more public works there were the more money would have to be spent to keep them up. He did not agree with the general idea that a new country wanted proportionately more to carry it on than an old country. As a country became more closely populated it cost more to keep it up, he claimed, and Great Britain was a case in point, as also the Dominion. He claimed that by the end of the next fiscal year the deficit would be $1,300,000. This was not very satisfactory, and showed the finances had got entirely beyond the control of the government.

Hon. Col. Baker rose to point out to Mr. Cotton that the public accounts of last year showed that his figures of $200,000 as the usual amount for keeping up public works already existing was quite correct.

Mr. Kidd would not vote to go into committe on the estimates withotu a protest.

Mr. Kennedy wanted to know where the money to meet the expenditure asked for was coming from.

Hon. Mr. Turner—From the public works loan.

The question was then put and the house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Hunter in the chair.

On the item of $3,000 in aid of destitute poor and sick (additional to $6,000 voted),

Hon. Mr. Eberts responded to a question by Mr. Semlin, stating that there were places where there was no public hospital. There were, however, in a number of towns private institutions to which it would of course not be possible to give a grant. The government considered that it was but right to make an arrangement with private hospitals where there was no public institution, to give so much per patient for destitute sick for which the province was responsible.

Mr. Kellie saw no provision made for Rossland.

Hon. Mr. Eberts explained that as Rossland had only a private hospital this arrangement should apply there.

The item 245 C in the supplementaries for 1898-9, $3,000 for a road from forks of Quesnelle to 108-Mile House, was dropped by Hon. Mr. Turner, who stated that it had already been provided for in the main estimates.

On vote 260 A, bridge at Keithley creek, Hon. Mr. Turner had the item changed from $2,000 to $600, that being the sum it had been intended to place on the estimates.

There was some discussion over the objection of some of the opposition to the grant of $1,000 to Lillooet for fire protection purposes.

Mr. Stoddart pointed out that the Lillooet people were trying to get water into the town so as to get a pressure from a tank for fire purposes.

Mr. Williams, in the course of his objections, intimated that the outlying districts were pap fed and said that some of them would not put a shovelful of earth on the roads without the government paying for them.

Mr. Smith remarked that he did not see why Mr. Williams objected. Vancouver got appropriations in one way and why should not other districts get it in another.

Mr. Rogers was surprised at Mr. Williams. Nobody made any protest when Mr. Williams' constituency got $90,000 for public improvements.

Mr. Huff took up the cudgels for the outlying districts and said that Mr. Williams' sneer at them was quite uncalled for.

The vote passed.

Mr. Kellie took exception to the grant of $4,000 for a site for a drill hall at Vancouver.

Hon. Mr. Turner said that this was simply following the plan already carried out in Westminster and Victoria.

The committee, after progressing as far as vote 331 B, reported progress and the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS.

The house resumed committee of the whole on the supplementary estimates.

Mr. Turner in explanation of the vote 331 D "Assistance to owners of cattle for losses sustained by tuberculosis," explained it was to assist those people who had suffered loss by their cattle being killed for the good of the community.

Major Mutter complimented the government on the appropriation. It was only fair where cattle were killed for the public good that the men who suffered the loss should receive some compensation.

The vote was passed.

On the vote for an increase of salary for the provincial mineralogist, Mr. Helmcken said the government in appointing a high salaried officer should make some arrangement to retain such officer, preventing him from going to another employer.

The vote passed.

The opposition objected to the vote of $15,000, a large portion of which is for the improvement of the grounds at the new parliament buildings.

Mr. Cotton asked what was to be done in connection with making the new municipalities erect their own schools, as is done in the four coast cities.

Hon. Mr. Turner explained that the government collected taxes in the small municipalities, that they did not collect in the larger districts.

On vote 207 A, $12,000 for the trail from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, being reached,

Mr. Kidd said hat he had heard reports that Mr. Cameron had first been employed to do the work, and it had afterwards been taken from him and given to Mr. Calbreath.

Hon. Mr. Turner pronounced the report erroneous.

Mr. Stoddart remarked that Mr. Cameron had told him that Mr. Gore had spoken to him about going up to take charge of work on the trail, but he had afterwards decided that as there was only $5,000 provided for the construction it was inadvisable to send men and horses up.

Mr. Semlin objected to the item of $2,500 for the explorations of the late Mr. Hamlin—work in the Yukon which it was the duty of the Dominion to have undertaken.

Hon. Mr. Turner explained that the purpose of these explorations was to ascertain if the Hootalinqua were navigable. There had been conflicting reports about the river, and it was very important to the province to determine its navigability.

In connection with the superannuation of Mr. Giffin and Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Semlin held that in cases where old employees of the government had not saved enough from their wages to maintain them in old age they should be sent to the home at Kamloops.

Hon. Mr. Eberts in explanation of the vote for the settlement of the Koksilah Quarry Co. claim said Mr. Justice Walkem had given judgment for $12,800, and the province thought to take an appeal. This was unsuccessful from the fact that notice had not been given in time. Prior to that time there had been one year given for taking of appeals, and it had been intended to change this to six months. The majority of the judges, however, interpreted the law as meaning that the appeal had to be taken within 14 days. This was the construction put upon the law by a majority of the court, but not by all the judges.

All of the ten other appeals which leading members of the bar had in hand were similarly disallowed at the same time and for the same reason advanced.

All the supplementary estimates were put through, as was the schedule, and the committee rose, reported progress, and were authorized to sit again.

Hon. Mr. Turner expressed the view that apparently the house would be ready to prorogue on Thursday, but the matter could be definitely known to-morrow evening.

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"A man whose name is not known attempted to cross Lake Bennett, just opposite the town of Bennett on Saturday, pulling his sled. The ice broke with him and let man and outfit through. Nothing has been seen of either since. It is not reported that any special effort was made to find them. Some one is drowned almost every day on the lakes. Air holes are all over the ice and about many of them the ice is broken up as though some one or something had fallen through. The police have cautioned every one against going on any of the lakes from now on. Parties who have come in from Bennett say the lakes will without doubt be open within ten days."

The doctor may be a good old man, but even so, medical examinations and the "local application" treatment are abhorrent to every modest woman. They are embarrassing—often useless. They should not be submitted to until everything else has been tried. In nine cases out of ten, there is no reason for them. In nine cases out of ten, the doctor in general practice isn't competent to treat female diseases. They make a branch of medicine by themselves. They are distinct from other ailments. They can be properly understood and treated only by one who has had years of actual practice and experience in this particular line. This is true of Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, a remedy for all derangements of the reproductive organs of women, has been in actual use for more than thirty years. It cures every form of "female weakness."

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EARL RUSSELL.

"Earl Russell, who has just entered his name in Gray's Inn and is studying law, is the second peer of England who has qualified for the bar. The other one is Lord Coleridge, son of the late Chancellor. Lord Russell is a grand son of England's famous premier, and, until he inherited his title, made his living as a journeyman electrician."—From the Colonist.

To the Editor:—What authority you have for some of the items you publish it is difficult to imagine. Lord (Baron) Coleridge and Lord (Earl) Russell was only 13 years old when he succeeded to the title and certainly never earned his living as a journeyman electrician. His father died when he was very young and before his grandfather so the present Earl succeeded his grandfather in 1878 and was born in 1865. B.

WAIT FOR THE EVIDENCE.

To the Editor:—Notwitstanding the Rev. Mr. Paddon's hasty "give away" letter of to-day respecting his son—the most ordinary lover of fair play will not consent to pass a final judgment upon an inexperienced young man, merely upon what rests at present on a statement in a foreign newspaper. Nor will it allow a young member of a large family of well known respectability to be condemned and ruined for life without at least a hearing of the legal evidence, pro and con, in the case. That may develope facts which would place the young man in an entirely different position in the public estimation from that in which the most infelicitous of letter writers might help to place him. This I can venture to assure you is the opinion this day of many a PATERFAMILIDS.

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	50	Mean 55	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	46		5 a.m.—Calm.
9 a.m..	57	Highest 66	1 p.m.—8 S.
1 p.m..	63		9 p.m.—4 S.
5 p.m..	59	Lowest 45	Clear.
9 p.m..	55		Rain .00
			Sunshine 12h.

Barometer 9 a.m... Observed.....29,801. Reduced.....29,749.

ESQUIMALT STATION, May 16, 1898.

Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	50	Mean 55	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	47		5 a.m.—Calm.
9 a.m..	58	Highest 65	1 p.m.—12 S.
1 p.m.	63		9 p.m.—20 S.
5 p.m..	63	Lowest 46	Rain—.09.
9 p.m..	50		Clear.
			Sunshine 11h. 42m.

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Somenos, May 15.—On Thursday evening last there departed this life at the age of sixty-nine one of the most widely loved man in Cowichan. This was Joseph Drinkwater, who with his elder brother William, settled in Somenos nearly forty years ago, and for all those years has been one long act of unostentatious and untiring beneficience. An excellent farmer, full of knowledge, energy, resource, all that he had was ever at the service of those who needed aid. Cowichan would gladly have crowned him with any honors within her gift, but he could never be persuaded to take a public position. The funeral took place to-day in the presence of a great gathering from all parts of the valley.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada during its present session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct and operate a plant for the generation of electricity for the purpose of lighting the City of Dawson on the Yukon river, in the Northwest Territory of Canada, and also for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a tramway line for the operation of tramcars in and in the vicinity of the said city by electric power, and for the supply of electric heat and power and also for the transmission of messages by telephone within such limits, with the power to expropriate lands and to acquire bonuses, privileges and aids from any government or municipal corporation or other persons, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using or taking advantage of any of the said works, with all necessary and incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Dated at Victoria this 28th day of February, A. D., 1898.

ROBERT CASSIDY,
m19 Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada during its present session for an Act to incorporate a bank, under the provisions of "The Bank Act," 53 Vic, (Can.) Cap 31 and Amending Acts, with all incidental rights, powers and privileges.

ROBERT CASSIDY,
Solicitor for Applicants

Dated at Victoria this 28th day of February
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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session, by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, the purchasers of the rights, powers, privileges and franchises of the Consolidated Railway Company, for an Act extending for two years the time for the completion of the works authorized by section 42 of the Consolidated Railway Company's Act, 1896

Dated this 5th day of November, 1897.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
no6 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada during the present session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain an electric telegraph cable and telephone line between Dawson City on the Yukon river, in the North west Territory of Canada, and the City of Victoria in the Province of British Columbia, by way of Teslin Lake and Telegraph Creek, by any feasible route which may be selected, with power to expropriate and acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, concessions or other aids from any government, municipality or other persons or bodies corporate, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties sending messages over the said electric telegraph cable and telephone line, with power to connect with any electric telegraph cable or telephone line belonging to any other Company or person or persons, together with all such other powers, rights or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects aforesaid.

Dated at Victoria this 28th day of February, A.D. 1898.

ROBERT CASSIDY,
m19 Solicitor for Applicants.

MARY TIEDEMANN, DECEASED.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Mary Tiedemann, late of the City of Victoria, deceased, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their claims or demands duly verified and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, to Alexander Munro, Esq., of 6 Michigan Street, Victoria, B. C., the executor of the will of the deceased, on or before the 5th day of June next, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Mary Tiedemann amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they have then had notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose claim the said executor has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 5th day of May, A. D., 1898.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for the said executor,
m6 No. 20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B.C.

DIEU ET MON DROIT

TENDERS.

Highway Bridge Across the Thompson River at Kamloops, B. C.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to and including the 31st day of may next, for the supply and delivering at the site of the works all the piles required in connection with the construction of the [illegible] bridge.

Te[illegible] addressed to the Hon. the[illegible] instead [illegible]ssioner, and indorsed "T[illegible]ed as [illegible] Kamloops Bridge."

Te[illegible] for [illegible] accompanied, as security for th[illegible] ment of the work, by an accept[illegible] cheque or certificate of deposit eq[illegible] to five per cent. of the total amount of the tender, made payable to the order of the undersigned, which will be forfeited if the successful tenderer fails to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenderers must also furnish the names of two sureties acceptable to the Department who are willing to execute a bond for the penal sum of two hundred dollars each for the due completion of the work.

Specifications can be seen on and after the tenth instant, at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of the Government Agent, Kamloops. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the printed forms supplied.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 7th May, 1898. m8

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DIEU ET MON DROIT

EDUCATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Public Schools of the Province will be held as follows, commencing on Monday, July 4th 1898, at 8:45 a. m.:

Victoria .. In South Park School Building
Vancouver ...... In High School Building
Kamloops ...... In Public School Building

Each applicant must forward a notice, thirty days before the examination, stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above-named places he will attend.

Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonial of moral character.

Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed.

All Candidates for First Class Grade A, Certificates, including Graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 13th and 14th instants, and to undergo required oral examination.

S. D. POPE,
Superintendent of Education.
Education Office, Victoria, May 4, 1898.
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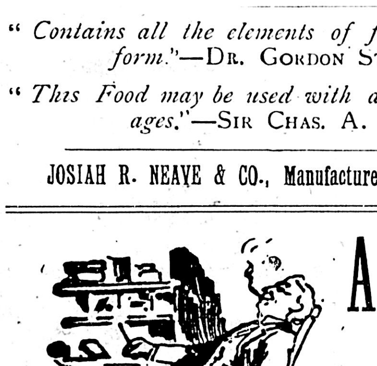

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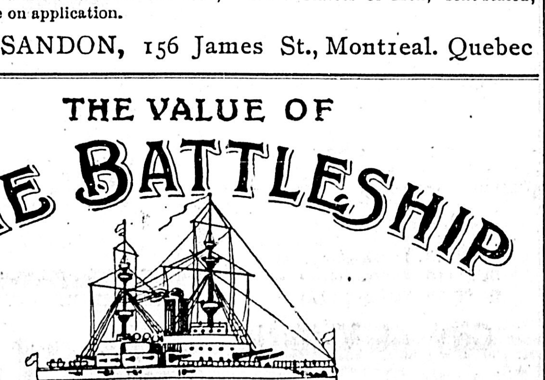

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METHODISTS IN SESSION

Committee Work Occupied a Greater Portion of the Time at Yesterday's Meetings.

The Question of the Plebiscite Discussed at Temperance Hall in the Evening.

The Methodist conference resumed work at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, a good part of both morning and afternoon sessions being devoted to committee work. In the morning there was a discussion as to the basis of assessment for superannuation fund and a resolution was forwarded to the general conference respectfully requesting that if possible a clause be made, so as not to militate against the raising of missionary or other connexional funds. Rev. T.W. Hall, Dr. Eby, A. E. Green, J. P. Bowell, Mr. Jessop and others took part in the discussion, and Rev. Dr. Sutherland also offered a few words by way of shedding light on the difficulties surrounding the question.

On the conference coming to order at 4 p.m., and minor matter being disposed of, Rev. J. Woodsworth, superintendent of missions, spoke on matters connected with domestic missions. The whole question as it is now before the different conferences was touched on in view of the approaching general conference. In the clearest and most earnest manner Mr. Woodsworth counselled caution and care. The tendency to increase new missions and new men without sufficient means at the back could only lead to serious consequences. The Methodist church must not undertake work, no matter the urgency, more than funds would warrant. The address was much appreciated.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland also addressed the conference, giving his confirmation to all that had been advanced. As is his wont, Dr. Sutherland could not refrain from humorous and telling illustrations to press his points home. He strongly advocated brakes being put upon the multiplying of missions, and thought that the conference might well send to the general conference some recommendation looking in the direction of empowering the general conference to place restrictions on multiplying missions as well as to facilitate the transfer of men from one conference to another. Dr. Sutherland also touched on the question of the division of the missionary fund, home and foreign funds respectively. He did not think this would bring the result anticipated; it would not afford any relief to the strain experienced on the home mission fields; and he personally would deprecate such a division as being calculated to weaken the missionary cause. But it was a matter that would come before the general conference and would have to be faced, and he trusted and prayed that the good Lord would guide to a right conclusion. The Doctor, who was suffering from hoarseness, result of a cold, but whose address was very practical, touched in his own admirable manner on different phases of the missionary question before the Methodist church. Needless to say his remarks were received with pleasure and profit both.

There was a good attendance at the temperance meeting at night to which special significance was imparted in view of the coming plebiscite.

After prayer by Rev. J. Sanford, Rev. A. E. Green was the first speaker introduced by President Betts. He started out by repeating what was said by some That when the church says go the traffic will go! People must cast their votes and not stay at home. Resolutions amounted to little more than waste paper. The newspapers hide the evil of the traffic by reporting merely "sudden death" when a man is really brought to a sudden death by drink. Moreover, it would seem, judging from his observations in the province, as if to become an official in the government service it was necessary to use much liquor. It was not a requirement in the statute books, he was aware, but it was an unwritten law. Will the Christian people of British Columbia increase the majority in favor of prohibition? There would be a straight issue. As to the revenue and the seven millions derived from the drink, Gladstone had no fear that a sober people would not give money to carry on an honest government under prohibition; instead of drink hunting the man, as now, the man would have to hunt the drink.

Miss Bowes, on behalf of the Women's Missionary society, followed with a touching tribute to the memory of Miss Willard—noblest of women, second only to the sovereign lady who is crowned Queen of the British Empire. Miss Willard is crowned in heaven. She stood for temperance—for every good cause, for protection of the lower animals, as well as man; for protection of the birds. No bird should be slain to decorate a lady's head. Miss Willard and the W. C. T. U.'s great menage ran—total abstenance for the individual, protection for the home, prohibition for the nation. Referring to the mammoth petition now at Ottawa under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., measuring seven miles long, she trusted it would be regarded as indicating that the women of the world were in favor of prohibition. Miss Bowes appealed to every Christian woman to carry on the work begun by Miss Willard, who organized the first W. C. T. U. in Victoria.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., was the third speaker and touched on three stages of the temperance agitation—the era of moral suasion, of restrictive legislation, of prohibitive legislation. Dealing with the license act, the speaker showed that its three provisions were evaded. Minors—children in this province of 8 and 10 and 12, as he could testify, were made the worse of liquor. Indians he had himself seen in saloons, taking liquor with others, and drink could be obtained away into the night and all day Sunday—the law to the contrary notwithstanding. What was wanted was actual, positive prohibition. The license act was useless and mischievous; we should be better without it. It made the saloon respectable, whereas it should be execrated. There must be no sickly sentiment. A Methodist must be ready to be known as a prohibitionist, ready to bear any obliquy which an out and out attitude will involve.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland brought the interesting meeting to a close with an address besprinkled with humor and effective stories. Of this description was his opening reference to the notice: "Trespassers, prepare for eternity," which the man liked because it had a religious feeling and meant business. So now, temperance people meant business—for the first time—and the liquor traffic must take notice that it must prepare for eternity! The statesman asked—was it right? The politician was dominated by the idea of being smart; the one worked for his country, the other for his party. The motto of the one was the good of the people; the other the spoils to the victor. The Doctor referred to the different methods short of actual prohibition that had been tried with but indifferent or actual failure. We shall have to be prepared, with strong arguments. Society had a right to protect itself against anything it believed to be injurious. The Doctor made a strong arraignment of the iniquity of inequality in allowing saloon keepers to vote and yet say to a woman that she should have no vote even to protect her boy. He wished the women had votes! If they hadn't they could still turn their influence to good account in seeing that their husbands voted right.

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VANCOUVER AND VICINITY.

Burglars Fire a Store at Chilliwack—Drowned in Stewart River.

Vancouver, May 16—(Special).—At 3 a.m. to-day the town of Chilliwack was alarmed by a loud explosion, and citizens rushing from their houses found G. R. Ashwell's big general store on fire. The handsome premises were quickly consumed with the enormous stock on hand. After the fire had died down it was discovered that the store had been burglarized and the explosion and subsequent fire was caused by the safe being blown open with dynamite. The thieves secured $65 in cash and did $15,000 worth of damages. The two burglars were seen to leave the burning building.

Mr. Mackintosh, of the British American Corporation, is in town, and confirms the report of the purchase of the Le Roi by his company for $3,000,000.

Word was received to-day that D. H. Morgan, of Vancouver, and a companion were drowned in Stewart river in the Yukon. Morgan was street boss in Vancouver in early days and was widely known in British Columbia. The name of his companion is not known.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DOMINION.

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Chas. Barnes, Lake Bennett.
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W. H. M. May, Sidney, B. C.
D. Todd Lees, Vancouver.
Hugh McLean, Vancouver.
Jas. R. Webster, Vancouver.
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J. N. Martin, McGregor, Man.
Dr. A. J. Vail, Skagway.
Paul J. Vail, Skagway.
Laurence McGraw, Dutch Harbor, Alaska.
Jas. L. Brown, Toronto, Ont.

NEW ENGLAND.

G. Brown, Alberni, B. C.
R. H. Ward, Vancouver.
Miss Mercier, Vancouver.
J. C. Clayton, Tacoma.
J. W. Corbett and wife, Tacoma.
Rev. D. Dunlop, Northfield, B. C.

VICTORIA.

W. D. Benson, Alaska.
J. E. Wright, Alaska.
M. Trodrow, Dyea.
S. Solomonson, Dyea.
A. B. Cavanaugh, Sheeps Camp.
Miss J. Hastings, Vancouver.
Miss E. Williams, Vancouver.
Waldo E. Lyon, Leomister, Mass.
J. Watts, Toronto.
C. Phillips, City.
W. S. Yardall, Media, Penn.
T. J. Ryan, Hired Girl Co.
H. E. Cooley, Hired Girl Co.
Captain McIntyre and wife, S. S. Bristol.
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If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

The lovely weather on Sunday was fully appreciated by a large number of citizens out driving in the Saanich district, many of whom visited Knight's at North Saanich and enjoyed a good dinner before returning home.

Two largely attended meetings were held in A.O.U.W. hall on Sunday by Eva Booth, commissioner for Canada for the Salvation Army. The gifted daughter of the great reform general is a fluent and pleasant speaker and her addresses are always interesting. Again last evening there was a large audience at the hall when Miss Booth was attired in the rags which she wore during her slum work in London.

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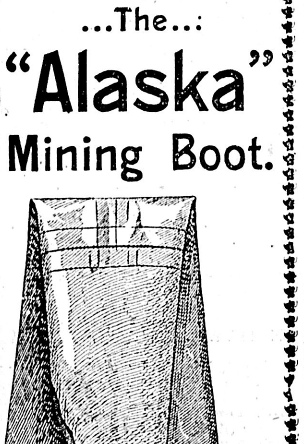

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Cemetery and Waterworks Loan By-Laws Pass the City Council.

Voting Day Fixed for May 31—Other Proceedings of Last Evening's Meeting.

An interesting report from the city engineer on a test made of the Beaver lake filter beds, and the passing of the Water Works Loan by-law and Cemetery by-law were the leading features of the regular meeting of the city council held last evening. All the city fathers were in attendance and harmony prevailed on every subject except the Water Works Loan by-law and the relative attention each ward was receiving. On this latter matter Ald. MacGregor started the ball going by stating that the condition of Centre ward was a disgrace.

Before the proceedings of the evening commenced the Mayor announced that there were no infectious cases in the Isolation Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Holland, of the B. C. Land & Investment Company, complained of the bad sewerage at the corner of Cadboro and Fowl Bay roads and asked that something be done at once to remedy the evil as the company could not rent their houses in consequence. The letter was referred to the sanitary officer and city engineer for report.

The Dominion Publishing Company, of Toronto, wrote asking that the five photographs of Victoria promised by last year's council be forwarded as they are about to complete their work, "Canada from Ocean to Ocean," The communication was referred to the Mayor and finance committee with power to act.

From the city council of Nanaimo came an invitation to the board to attend the celebration of the Queen's birthday in that city. The invitation was received with thanks.

City Engineer Wilmot reported that in accordance with a resolution of the council at the last general meeting the east and west filter beds were filled with water to as great a depth as the height of the water in the lake would permit, without entirely cutting off supply to the city while the beds remained full. The object of the test was to ascertain if the walls were sufficiently tight to allow of one filter bed being cleaned while the others were in use. "The water," the report states, "was turned into the east and west filter beds on Tuesday last, the centre one being empty and reached its greatest height, which was about five feet above land surface, during Tuesday night, in which condition they remained after the works were visited by your worship, several members of the aldermanic board and others on Wednesday afternoon. When the city undertook the work in connection with the filter beds, that have recently been completed, the walls were in such a leaky condition that, when one was empty and an adjoining one filled, water leaked through into the filtering sand, causing it to boil up, and disturbing it to such an extent as to render the beds unworkable.

"The object of the work undertaken by the city was to make the walls sufficiently tight to enable the filters to be efficiently used. That this was successful-attained was fully demonstrated by the test referred to, as well as by a former test applied a few days previously. On neither occasion was there any leakage that would in the least interfere with the work of cleaning the empty bed, or cause any disturbance in the filtering sand and in both cases the water in the beds, on each side of the empty one, was higher than would ever be used when the filters are in operation."

The report, together with another of the first test made, were received and placed on file.

The city assessor recommended that a place on Pheasant street be altered and the report was referred to the building inspector.

Simon Leiser and three others, residents of Pandora street, asked that the council take immediate steps to do away with the partially burned building belonging to Mrs. Droskowitz and also to abate a sewerage nuisance near the Jewish synagogue.

Ald. Williams wanted the council to take prompt action in the matter but Ald. McCandless and the Mayor explained why the matter would have to go through the usual form.

Petitions were received asking for a sidewalk from Pine street to Belton avenue and for an extension of the water line on Fowl Bay road. The former was referred to the street committee and the latter to the water commissioner for reports.

The special committee recommended that several changes be made in the water rates and the report was tabled.

Next came reports from the street and finance committee, both being adopted after a sum of $500 for blasting purposes on the Gorge road was deducted from the accounts, leaving them $3,609.58.

The Waterworks and Cemetery by-laws were finally passed Ald. Humber, Phillips and Williams voted against the Water Works by-law, contending that the wated should be turned on and the filter beds used before money is spent on them.

Ald. Kinsman would not prevent the passing of the by-law in council as that would place his opinion against that of the city engineer, but at the same time he was not altogether in accord with its ideas.

After fixing the voting day for the by-laws for Tuesday, May 21, the council adjourned.

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Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said in his budget speech that he totally abstained from the use of tobacco. Lord Salisbury is also an abstainer from tobacco. So also is the Lord Chancellor. Arthur Balfour is also among the non-smokers. On the other hand, Mr. Chamberlain is an inveterate cigar smoker.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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Queen Margharita, of Italy, has become a golf enthusiast. She took to the game originally with the hope of successfully combating her increasing obesity. She soon became very skilful at the game and spends much time on the links belonging to Prince Doria, which are located on the high ground just back of St. Peter's.

THE CITY

The steamer Willapa will sail for Wrangel and way ports early this morning.

"The Hired Girl" at the Victoria last evening was just such a show as the title and posters would indicate—only a trifle more so. It will not play a return date.

Information of the whereabouts of Charles Tennant Bruce is desired by Wm. Bruce, Typesnook, Cairness, Donmay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Bruce was last heard from in 1892, at which time he was in Victoria.

Ald. MacGregor has given notice that the city clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Geiger and Wriglesworth, trustees of the old Deluge Volunteer Fire company, requesting them to have the property formally conveyed to the corporation as soon as possible.

The city purchasing agent is calling for tenders for the supply of 300 feet of 2½ inch rubber lined cotton hose; and also for the painting, paper-hanging and carpenter work required at the cemetery house. They will be received up to noon on Saturday next.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria cricket club was held last night at the office of Messrs. Davie, Pooley & Luxton. The report of the various committees showed the affairs of the club to be in a flourishing condition. It was decided to obtain the Oak Bay grounds for the coming season. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. E. Dewdney; vice-president, Hon. Mr. Justice Drake; secretary, Harold B. Robertson; treasurer, A. G. Smith; committee, Hon. C. E. Pooley, J. H. Paterson, W. P. Gooch, Dr. J. D. Helmcken and W. A. Lobb.

The death occurred early yesterday morning of Alfred Oldershaw, a resident of Victoria for close on a quarter of a century, during the greater portion of which time he was engaged as a contracting plasterer. The deceased was a native of Stratford, Nottinghamshire, England, and was 58 years of age. During his long residence in Victoria he was known as an upright business man and good citizen, who took a keen interest in the welfare of his adopted city and province. He leaves a widow and a family of three daughters and one son, who have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the family residence, corner of Catharine and Edward streets, Victoria West.

Percy Short, professionally known as Walter Campbell, lightweight pugilist of some repute, is at present in the city, and is anxious to make a match with any 126 pound man—give or take two pounds. Short is known in the East where he has won a number of battles. On February 2 he met and defeated California Jack Dempsey, the champion lightweight of Colorado, and in March last he defeated the Midget Sandow at Salt Lake City in four rounds. In Sacramento, Cal., last month he offered himself as substitute for Parker in the Griffo-Parker contest and to demonstrate his ability was tried out by Patsy Corrigan, Sharkey's trainer, out of a number of applicants, being the only one who stood the trial. He did not, however, enter the ring with Griffo, a dispute having arisen as to the percentage. Short says he is still anxious to meet the Australian, and thinks he will yet have a chance.

If as stated Charles Kendrick was a member of "Soapy" Smith's gang of bunco men and the charges upon which he has been arrested are true, the gang's committee at Skagway will no doubt take the first opportunity of dropping him from their roll for hunting "small game." Kendrick was arrested on Salt Spring Island on Saturday night on the allegation that he obtained money under false pretenses. It is said that he visited the settlements in North Victoria district and offered to sell sewing machines, pianos, in fact anything, the only requirement being that a small cash deposit should be made. According to one information laid against him be obtained $2.50 from Mrs. J. Norris, of Sidney, as a deposit for a sewing machine, which has not been delivered. The case was called in the provincial court yesterday afternoon but remanded until Thursday, to enable the police to secure evidence.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

Dull Markets on Mr. Chamberlain's War Speech—Another Jump in Wheat.

New York, May 16.—The stock market was rather dull to-day and the tone was heavy throughout. Prices never got far away from the opening quotations except in a few cases. The opening was made in sympathy with London. The heaviness in all departments continues on acount of the uneasiness occasioned by Mr. Chamberlain's pessimistic view of international politics. Americans were no worse sufferers in London than other securities. There was a fair outside demand for stocks in the first hour absorbing very well the offerings for London acount and worked some recovery from the low point. The demand was soon satisfied, however, and prices drifted for the remainder of the day not far from the low level. Net losses of numerous leading stocks are a point or over. It was evident that speculative activity is waiting on the developments of naval strategy in the Caribbean sea. There was prevalent somewhat less sanguine expectation of a speedy termination of the war based on some disappointment over the results of the bombardment at San Juan de Porto Rico. The evasiveness of the Spanish fleet was also taken as indicating a possibility of extended manoeuvring without material result. Sterling exchange rates advanced fully ¾ to 1 cent to-day, but the market was reported dull. The money market continued easy and accommodations on commercial paper were liberal.

Closing prices: American Cot. Oil., 22; American Tob., 108 ¾; do pfd., 119; American Sug., 134¼; American Spirits; 10⅞; A. T. & S. F., 12¼; do pfd., 30¼; Can. Sou., 50¼; C. & O., 20½; C. B. & Q., 99; Chgo. Gas, 95⅝; C. & N. W., 104; C. R. I. & P., 98⅞; C. M. & St. P.,95⅝; Con. Gas, 109; D. & H., 155; D. & R. G. pfd., 45½; G. E., 35¾; Lac. Gas, 46¼; Man. El., 102½; N. P., 32⅜; N. A., 5¾; N. P. com. new, 25½; do pfd., 64; N. Y. C. & H., 111¼; N. Y. Sus. &W. pfd., 74¾; P. M., 27⅝; Phil. & Rdg., 17¼; Sou. Pac. pfd.,28 ¾; U. S. Leather pfd., 63½; U. S. Rubber pfd., 70; U. P., 22; do pfd., 89¼; W. U., 89¼; W. & L. E., 2½; Met., 150; Rapid Transit, 40½.

Com. Cable, 175; C. P. R. in London 84⅛.

Bar silver, 57c.; Mexican dollars, 45c.; silver certificates, 56¾ to 57¼.

Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 157.20; at Madrid, 74; at Lisbon, 79; at Rome, 107.90.

Sentiment in wheat made a decided change to-day upon the strength in Liverpool news, scaring the local short interest with the result that prices advanced 7 cents on July and 11 cents on May from the official close of Saturday. Rumors that the German duty on wheat has been reduced were effective in strengthening the market. About a million bushels of wheat was shipped from New York to Europe last week and heavy clearances are predicted for the balance of the month. May ranged from $1.50 to $1.56; and July sold at from $1.13 to $1.18.

J. P. Dunn, for some years C.P.R. agent at Chatham, Ont., has been arrested for alleged shortage in accounts. He has resided there several years and is highly respected.

ON A GOLD BASIS.

Rich Bedrock Discovered Beneath the Streets of the Klondike Capital.

It Cannot Be Mined However Under the Laws as They Exist.

An Expensive Turkey—Papers Are Appreciated—The Food Problem.

An Examiner-Journal special from Dawson, bearing date of the 14th April, and probably the very latest news from the Klondike metropolis, contains the following interesting news:

Gold has been found in rather small quantities in the gravel deposits beneath the streets of Dawson. The discovery was made several days ago by a miner in the employ of a local broker. A shaft was sunk in a lot immediately behind the main business block of Dawson. Coarse gold, ranging from a few heavy colors to thirty cents to the pan was found.

Three weeks ago the gold commissioner gave to a party of local speculators the right to prospect the present townsite of Dawson. Several holes were sunk in a slough that marks the eastern limit of the reserve occupied by the North West Mounted Police. If anything was found in these shafts no one but those in the ring knew of it, for as soon as the bedrock was reached the gravel was immediately shoveled back into the hole. Then a shaft was begun behind the business centre of the town and it was there that the prospects were found. Several pans ranging from a cent or two to fifteen were washed and when bedrock was reached thirty cents to the pan was found.

The news of the discovery leaked out in a greatly magnified form and spread like wild-fire. A stampede was begun in the night and when Dawson awoke and rubbed its eyes on the following morning it saw a maze of tangled stakes and corner posts that reached from one end of the town to the other and from the hills to the Yukon. The stampeders paid little heed to the building lots of others and the strips of land set aside for public highways. All of these were staked during the night.

When the stampeders went to record the gold commissioner told them that since he granted the special permission to prospect on the townsite a copy of the new laws had been received in Dawson and that there was a clause prohibiting the staking, or recording, of mining claims on townsites. Upon the strength of this law the commissioner refused to record, and whatever gold may lie frozen in the gravel beneath the streets of Dawson must remain there until the town is eventually deserted.

The formation exposed in the Dawson shaft shows plainly the fact that the present townsite was once a bar of the Yukon river. The alluvial deposit exposed is precisely the same formation shown in the shaft on Monte Cristo island, where gold was found early in March. There are layers of sand, wash gravel, rounded boulders and occasional logs of drift wood which has been frozen in its original state. The pieces of gold found were well rounded, showing that they had travelled quite a distance before they finally settled on the ancient river bar.

The Canadian government, through the local officials, has granted three franchises of considerable importance during the week. A. B. Ferguson and two associates, Skiff Mitchell and John Lind, all Californians, will have the exclusive right to supply the town of Dawson with water. A survey has been made up the Klondike and it is found that if the water is taken from the river at a point four miles above Dawson, it can be brought at a sufficient height by fluming, to allow the pipes to skirt the hills behind the town. Work will be begun immediately.

The government has leased to Alexander Macdonald, the millionaire mine owner, all the water front from the government reserve to the hospital grounds below Dawson. Openings for several streets and wharves for the commercial companies are reserved. The consideration was $30,000 a year. The lease covers much ground on the river bank that can be used for offices, stores, etc., and the general belief is that McDonald will double his money in a year on the rents.

The third franchise was for another bridge which will cross the Klondike at the Bonanza creek portage, three miles up the river from Dawson. The suspension bridge between Dawson and Klondike City is now half completed. A fare of 50 cents will be charged on each bridge.

The Montana Kid, otherwise Mr. Egan, and mail-carrier Wilson, arrived in Dawson simultaneously on April 5, having come from Dyea over the ice. Both men brought private mail and bundles of January newspapers. Shortly after their arrival Judge McGuire and several other public-spirited citizens corralled their news and arranged to give two readings for the benefit of the hospital. The readings were given in a log cabin hall and an admission fee of $2.50 was charged. The attendance at both meetings was large and a comfortable sum was realized for the hospital. The news consisted mainly of the sinking of the Corona, the sinking of the Maine, the explosion on the Star of Nevada, the Klondike excitement in the outside cities and the hanging of Durrant. There were also some unverified war reports. At the conclusion of the readings the newspapers were readily sold at the following prices: Seattle Post-Intelligencer, $1; San Francisco dailies, $2 to $2.50. Sunday Examiner of January 30th, $3 each. The papers were disposed of very rapidly.

Warm weather has prevailed for three weeks and an early thaw is predicted. Men who have lived in the Yukon district for a number of years believe that unless the weather turns cold again in the next few weeks the Yukon river will break during the first week in May. If this proves to be the case the steamers now at Fort Yukon will probably reach Dawson by the first of June. The temperature has rarely been below the freezing point in three weeks. During the day time the sun shines so brightly that the snow has melted away from the exposed spots and the trails over which lumber is being hauled to the mines are nearly ruined. The trails are also badly cut up by the great number of dams now being built in anticipation of the sluicing season. Owing to the humid atmosphere work was practically suspended in the mines on the 15th of March, a month sooner than was expected. The atmosphere is so heavy that the smoke from the fires in the drifts remains in the tunnels and shafts for days at a time, making it impossible for the miners to go below. The shortening of the mining season will make quite a difference in the total output of the mines, for the reason that in many mines considerable prospecting had to be done to locate the pay streak, and now that it has been found the loss of a few days' time will make a difference of many thousands of dollars in the total yield. The miners who are unable to get lumber at the sawmills or are unable to haul it to their mines have gone to whip-sawing and saw-pits have been erected on nearly every other claim in the district. The price of lumber at the sawmills has been raised to $300 a thousand. Nails are hard to get at $5 a pound.

These are lively times in Dawson, the closing of the mines and the arrival of a quantity of American mail has brought hundreds of men from the gulches and the streets by day and the saloons by night are densely crowded. There is but one dance hall open and the miners crowd into it in such numbers that it is almost impossible for one to elbow his way through the crowd. Tammany hall, the rival dance hall, was closed two weeks ago because the supply of whiskey was exhausted. Several saloons have lately been forced to take the same step and there are now only four saloons running. The others are patiently awaiting the arrival of a fresh supply of liquor.

Men with dog teams are arriving daily over the ice from Skagway and Dyea. Four separate dog teams came yesterday and there were one or two each on the preceeding days. The men report the trail to be in a bad condition between the Pelly and Stewart rivers. One party brought in a roasted turkey that had been cooked and frozen in Seattle. The turkey was raffled off in the Pioneer saloon, there being 75 chances at $2 each. The owner of the turkey realized about $140 net on the venture.

Dawson, April 13.—But little public news from the Tanana country has reached Dawson this winter, but private advices have been received by several prominent mining men and some of them have decided to invest in the creek of promise in American territory. Captain Healy is credited with being at the head of the company which last week sent ten prospectors, together with Indian guides and dog teams, down the river towards the Tanana. These men are to receive $500 for the trip and own an interest in whatever finds they make.

The food problem is rapidly solving itself and there is now no doubt but that there will be enough supplies in camp to carry the miners through until the arrival of the provision steamer from Fort Yukon. The departure of from 1,500 to 2,000 men for Dyea during November, December and January and the few hundred who went to Circle City and Fort Yukon before the river closed, in a great measure made it possible for those who remained to so increase their personal supplies that famine became practically impossible. Another strong factor was the rigid economy practiced almost universally by the miners, all of whom anticipated famine in the spring. This wholesome fear of an impending famine led men to economize even in the smallest items. The price of provisions remained fixed at an exorbitantly high figure until three weeks ago when a dozen dog teams were sent post-haste to the coast with claims to sell in the outside cities. The sudden departure of thirty or forty men made it necessary for them to dispose of their provisions almost at a moment's notice and the street price of flour dropped from $50 to $15 and $20. Other staples fell to a proportionately low figure. The price of flour rose again to $30 a sack, where it was checked by the news that the United States government was sending in a relief expedition over the ice. The price has since remained practically stationary, but it is predicted by many that since the expedition cannot possibly arrive until after the river breaks and small boats can descend the Yukon, the price will reach a much higher figure. While the relief expedition will undoubtedly arrive too late to be of any material benefit this spring the coming will be warmly welcome by the men now in Dawson. It is well known that with 6,000 provisionless men to feed during the three months of summer the two commercial companies will be seriously handicapped in their effort to store up enough supplies before September to supply the men during winter. The companies will have to supply twice as many men who will look wholly to them for provisions than they had last summer and winter, to say nothing of the thousands of men who are coming here in the summer and who will probably look to the companies for partial support. Very little is expected of the steamship companies formed in outside cities, for the reason that they will encounter unforseen difficulties in the navigation of the Yukon river. Considering these facts there is little doubt in the minds of those in a position to know that there will be serious danger of famine next winter, and although the United States relief expedition may be late in arriving this spring it may be the advance guard of other and larger expeditions. The action of the United States government toward the miners who were this winter supposed to be starving is warmly applauded. The miners will buy all the provisions the government sends in at cost prices.

A CORRECTION.

Allow me to take the strongest exception to the heading placed above my short letter which appeared on Sunday. I object entirely to have either words or sentiments imported into my communications, and this is what your heading, "In Token of Regret," has resulted in. My object in writing was simply to do, without delay what might or might not be, an act of justice to Mr. Page.

I can have no possible regret until I am convinced that injustice has been done.

The whole question hinges upon the truth or untruth of my son's testimony, and all I know at present is that his deplorable act in yielding to temptation has thrown a doubt upon that testimony.

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Unmarked and Uncared For in Key West's Desolate Cemetery.

Key West, May 6.—On the outskirts of the town, where the small Spanish cottages are clustered, silent and sunburned along the narrow street, is the city cemetery of Key West. Near the main entrance, which is guarded by a creaking old wooden gate, one sees a cluster of newly made graves. They are in the Potter's Field—the part of the burying ground set apart for the pauper dead. They are the graves of the heroes who lost their lives in the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on the night of February 15, 1898. There are twenty-four of them unmarked. Above each mound of glistening white limestone soil a small American flag droops in the fierce sun that beats down incessantly on the island. The flags are faded and frayed. When a breeze comes up from the ocean they flutter sadly for a moment and droop again to the scorched earth. On the centre of each mound is a small glass goblet which still holds the discolored and withered stems of flowers. "They were put there by a lady from Philadelphia," said the dreamy old sexton, "but I don't know who she was. She came here about ten days after the bodies were buried and put flowers on all the graves. I asked her who she was, but she said no matter."

And these, the faded little flags and the withered stems of flowers, are all that mark the resting place of the heroes of whom the civilized world has been talking since the fatal night almost three months ago. There is nothing else to tell the stranger who passes through the Potter's Field where the heroes of the Maine are sleeping.

The space where the graves are was prepared evidently in great haste. Near the little white mounds on all sides are unsightly heaps of litter and rubbish. In one spot stands an old hearse, weather beaten and ghostly in its loneliness and decay, lurching over in a disabled position, with broken windows and ragged curtain. The sexton said it had once been used as the city hearse, but one day it broke down while carrying a body to the Potter's Field, and there it remains. In another place near the graves is a rubbish heap made up of old half-decayed caskets, two or three broken tombstones and an old wheelbarrow. To the north is a small iron enclosure, which marks the grave of Bridget E. Hoffman, who died in 1864, the only person buried there who had a name apparently.

Very close to the twenty-four mounds is a group of thirty-six, marking the places where that number of seamen who died of yellow fever lie buried. The sexton is, however, unable to tell when they were interred. Nothing on the little twelve-inch slab at the head of each group tells the story of the life or death of the dead seamen. The names and the words United States Navy, alone are carved on the slabs. But nature, even with the barren limerock below and the scorching sun above, seems trying to do what the hand of man has failed to do in beautifying the graves. On one side a massive green cactus lifts its pulpy foliage high in the air. Directly opposite is a row of tropical trees in full blossom, which with every breeze cover the sun-browned mounds with beautiful scarlet flowers. Near another side of the little burial plot is a row of royal spruce pines which throw a shadow on the graves in the afternoon and through whose branches the sea breezes constantly sing when the sun has gone down. Rarely does any one visit the place. It is without care or attention, a by-corner of the island, where for two centuries Spaniards, negroes and fisher folk have put away their dead and forgotten them.

The cemetery is located on a high point in about the middle of the island, and from it the great stretch of blue ocean may be seen on either side, but half a mile distant. There is no soil there. The graves are simply carved out of limestone rock. All day the sun beats down on the barren white rock surface, until the scanty vegetation curls and crackles in the heat. Rarely is there a sound to break the melancholy silence. Sometimes one hears the cry of the seabird overhead, or the soft parrot-like voices of the Spanish children in the cottages near by, but that is all. The voices from the warships out at sea, the clatter of commerce in the harbor, and the idle babble of the town never disturb the sleep of our hero sailors here in their rock-bound berths.

Of the twenty-four who are buried here, only two were identified. They were a negro and a Japanese.

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DIED.

OLDERSHAW—In this city, May 16, Alfred Oldersaw, a native of Stapleford, Nottinghamshire, England, aged 58 years.

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R. W. FAWCETT, Recording Secretary.

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NOTICE—To whom it may concern: The partnership between Ivan De Malchin and V. Moretti is dissolved. Bills contracted by Ivan De Malchin in the name of the Victoria Riding Academy will not be paid by me. V. MORETTI. m15

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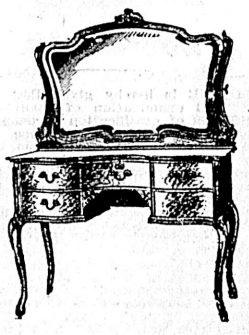

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